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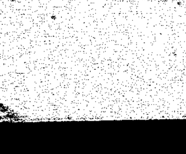
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Toboggans.

Many a time when I was a boy did I climb one or another of the snow-covered hills that surrounded my country home, and try to slide down on the ordinary steel-shod sled of the period. Now and then there would be a crust that would bear, and then it was royal sport to range about with the whole world for a coasting ground. Generally, however, the crust played us false, and many a flying somersault was the result.

If we had only known about toboggans. In most respects I think the boys of my time had quite as much fun as youngsters of to-day; but we hadn't toboggans and I shall never cease to feel that my boyhood was not what it might have been for the want of them. They had them in Canada even then, and long before, for they were invented by the Indians of the snowy North. But no Americans went to Canada for fun in the winter until Lord and Lady Dufferin began to make things lively with festivals and the like. Then suddenly the beauties of the toboggan became evident, and Young America cheerfully paid a third of the cost price in duties that he might bring a genuine Canadian toboggan back across the border. They will never be really friendly relations between the United States and Canada till the Kanucks have apologized for having so many years kept the secret from thousands of American boys who were longing to slide on field snow instead of being obliged to use ordinary roads like other folks.

Toboggans are so little known even today, on this side of the border, that some account of them is in order, with building directions for those who are handy with tools.

The Indians of the far North were obliged to pass so much of their lives in wading through deep snows that they invented snow shoes and toboggans. The first enabled them to walk on top of the snow, and the second to drag a heavy load behind them when they walked. Like nearly all barbaric inventions, the toboggan is the perfection of simplicity and lightness. Something was wanted that would bear a heavy load without sinking into the snow. With infinite patience the Indian hewed out a broad thin board. This would sustain the load, but the fore end ploughed into the snow; so it was bent upward, and the plowing difficulty was overcome. After the toboggan had received a few hard knocks it began to split; so he put cleats across. Then he found that he needed side-rails, around which to pass lashings to keep his peltries from falling overboard; and the affair was complete, and straightway he named it a toboggan, and did carry his goods and chattels thereon, and did make extensive use of it, until the paleface beheld and traded for it, and transformed it into a vehicle for his young men and maidens to disport themselves withal. The Indian artificer had neither wire nor nails nor screws; so he used leathern thongs or deer sinews to lash the parts of his handiwork together.

Of course as soon as sawn boards came upon the market they took the place of hand made product, being lighter and better every way than anything the Indian could work out with his knife and hatchet; but he still maintains that leather thongs as preferable to the screws and nails of civilization, which are apt to pull out under the tremendous shocks and strains of rough usage. Moreover, if one drops a screw in the snow it is gone forever, while a bit of leather will remain in sight wherever it chances to fall. Besides leather can be carried in a pouch or pocket without wearing holes in the garment and without making uncomfortable dints in the person of the tobogganer when he chances to sit or lie down on his tool chest.

To make a toboggan large enough to carry two, one must have a board of basswood, oak or ash, 6 feet long, 16 inches wide and 3-16 or ¼ of an inch thick. In many places it is easier to procure narrower boards, and on many accounts they are better than wide ones. They are less likely to split or warp, and the cracks between them keep the toboggan from slipping sidewise. If narrow planking is used it is better to make the toboggan 18 inches wide. This will call for three boards, each 6 feet long and 6 inches wide. Quarter-sawn oak is best. Ash is almost as good, and basswood will answer very well, but must not be too thin. The cleats and side rails are of some tough light wood like ash. The Indians used saplings in the natural shape, about an inch in diameter. Civilized builders may use inch square stuff, with the corners rounded off; large dowell rods will do for the cross cleats. They can be had ready made from cabinet-makers or dealers in hard wood lumber. The seven cleats are as long as the toboggan is wide, and the two side rails are each 4 feet 6 inches long. Leather thongs are easiest found at the shoemaker's. Porpoise leather shoe strings or straps or raw hide are best, but any sound leather will do.

Lay the boards side by side on the floor and lay the cleats in position, No. 1 being about an inch from the after end and the rest at intervals of a foot till No. 6 (leave No. 7 for the present). Mark the position of the cleats on the boards with a pencil, and make dots where the thong holes are to come—four holes at the ends of the cleats and two at the edges of the boards where the cleats cross the cracks. The holes at the ends of the cleats should not be nearer than ¾ of an inch to the edges of the boards. Those at the cracks may be half an inch from the edges. Bore the holes large enough for the thongs to pass through easily. Then turn the board over and cut a shallow groove lengthwise of the grain, between each pair of holes, so that the thongs will be "countersunk" or even with the under surface. This done, lash the cleats in position, beginning with the inner holes and leaving the side-rails till the last. Be careful to round off all corners where the thongs bear upon them. Cut shallow notches at the ends of the cleats where the side-rails rest, and lash them firmly in place. The side-rails should reach only a trifle beyond cleat No. 5. Lash No. 7 in position on the under side of the toboggan at the fore end.

It now remains to bend the boards to complete the job. This is easiest done by steaming them over, or soaking them in very hot water, and bending them before lashing the toboggan together. But it can be done after the lashing by fastening double cords around cleats Nos. 5 and 7, and twisting with a stick until the ends are bent over as far as required. These cords are usually left in place, the sticks and the extra twist being removed after the wood has dried. The toboggan is now complete, with the exception of the hand line, which is fastened to the ends of cleat No. 6.

A toboggan constructed on the Indian plan is rather loose jointed, but it is none the worse for that. If preferred, the builder can use copper wire for lashings, or may dispense with lashings altogether and use screws or clinch nails. Machine-made toboggan of excellent quality, fitted with cushions and all the luxuries of the season, are now largely manufactured in the United States and Canada; but a home-made article is far more satisfactory than anything that can be bought. With such a craft the snow field may be navigated in any direction down hill, even when the crust is not strong enough to bear a foot passenger, or even when there is no crust at all. Steering is done either with the feet or with short sticks held one in each hand.

Toboggans are made ten or twelve feet long—large enough to carry six or eight passengers, but they are built precisely like the smaller specimens, being merely lengthened, with an additional cross-cleat at every extra foot, and need not to be described here.—*Boston Globe.*

BYRON.

L. S. Rundlett has finished yarding poplar and is hauling to the river.

Etta Thompson of Auburn is visiting her sister, Mrs. P. D. Taylor.

Charlie Eames made a flying visit to his sister's, Mrs. Thomas Patterson last week.

Frank Richmond has bought the White place in Roxbury, where Brad Knapp now lives, for $1500.

Nettie Knapp has gone to Weld to work for Joseph Whitham.

Gilbert Hodsdon and Alf. Jinkins are in the woods gumming near "Old Blue Mountain."

Rev. S. J. Hersom and wife who have been holding meetings on Buckfield Hill have gone to Lancaster, Mass.

Green Hodsdon has gone to Rockland with about five hundred pounds of refined spruce gum.

P. C. Whitham has finished hauling poplar in Roxbury and has gone to Weld to haul spruce.

A petition is in circulation for a town road leading from Coos' bridge to the house of L. S. Rundlet.

Hector Mardin shot two deer near the old Matthew Tobin place, Wednesday of last week.

Ten per cent discount to all persons paying their taxes on or before the first day of Jan. 1887. H.

ALBANY.

John Grover and wife who have been visiting friends and relatives in Bethel, have returned home.

Henry O. Wilber's two little boys aged 12 and 14 years sawed and split twelve cords of wood for Justice Aspinwall.

Amos H. Barker and wife who have been visiting their daughter Mrs. John Wyman of Norway Lake have returned home.

Banister Grover of Stoneham is in town, at work for his father, John Grover.

Justice Aspinwall killed two pigs last week six months old, their combined weight being 500 lbs.

George Plaisted of Bethel was in town Sunday.

Aunt Jerusha Shedd who is 88 years of age, has been sick for the last few weeks, but she is thought to be improving.

Horace Foster's two little daughters have been to Newry visiting their grandparents, E. H. Knapp and wife and have returned.

Tyler T. Cole and Henry Cummings who have been cooking for a logging crew in Ketchum have returned home.

Mary Barker of Albany is visiting friends in Gilead.

Amos G. Bean is drawing hemlock bark from the Cummings lot to Norway tannery.

RUMFORD CENTRE.

The East Andover dramatic entertainment was well patronized here Wednesday evening and gave good satisfaction.

The Christmas tree Saturday evening was well loaded with presents, some of them very nice ones. The children did well and the broom brigade was a success.

Mrs. R. C. Dalloff is no better. It was not a merry Christmas to her.

EAST BROWNFIELD.

Several friends met at Mrs. T. Stickney's Friday evening and made a bow to Santa Claus who distributed gifts right and left from a well laden Christmas tree. Music vocal and instrumental added much to the enjoyment of the occasion. The presents were numerous, pretty and useful.

The three Church Societies celebrated Christmas by the distribution of gifts from three large trees at the town hall.

C. E. Allard spent Christmas at home, but returned to Boston Monday.

T. J. Allard had a narrow escape from getting a broken leg one day last week while in the logging woods.

The chandelier at the Cong'l church fell down Sunday evening after prayer meeting smashing a pew and making a wreck of the chandelier.

PARIS HILL.

Rev. C. V. Hanson has a long article in last week's *Zion's Advocate*, concerning the village.

E. E. Giles of Portland spent Christmas in town.

Rev. W. C. Barrows having declined to become the pastor of the Baptist church, a call has been extended to Rev. Henry M. Crocker of Bristol, R. I.

F. E. Shorey and wife of Gorham, N. H., passed Christmas in town.

PARTRIDGE DISTRICT.—George R. Hammond is building a house at South Paris.

Maud Lapham gave a party at her house Dec. 22d, and most of her young friends attended. They danced, etc., Douglas and Carl Farrar being the violinists.

William Gray has sold his horse to Dr. Yates and purchased another.

Jane Keough spent a few days at home with her father last week.

Charles Tucker visited at Edwin Stearns last week. He is in his eightieth year.

Mrs. Mary O. Gray was at William Gray's last week.

George Mason is at home. Elmer Mason is at home and attending school.

Frank Bennett and family went to West Paris Sunday.

Ella Tapley is at home.

Edwin Stearns and Charles Colby are through work at the sled facrory for the present.

Edwin Stearns and wife went to Bryant's Pond, Tuesday to see his brother who is in very poor health.

Frank Bennett's school finishes this week.

Maud Lapham is at West Paris.

GILEAD.

Charlie Bennett will drive a team for S. A. Coffin this winter.

School is done and Herbert Cole returns to working on the track with his father.

Mary Peabody has returned from Andover, Mass., where she has been for some time attending the Academy.

J. W. Kimball has purchased a fine pair of oxen for the purpose of hauling birch for J. P. Skillings.

Nora Burbank finished her fifth term of school here last Friday. In token of their esteem the scholars gave a party and an oyster supper at the Hall Monday evening.

Eliphalet Burbank spent Christmas with his daughter, Mary Prescott.

W. R. Peabody is hauling birch to the mill for J. W. Bennett.

Wedding bells were expected to ring Christmas but as yet they have not reached my hearing.

E. L. Bennett of Norway, was in town on a little business last week.

Geo. Richardson has been driving a team for Hart Coffin.

Locke & Hastings have added another joint to their smoke stack, also some 50 feet to their platform at the station.

Thanks to "Dinah" I will endeavor to do my best. Yours are very good; let us hear from you often.

C. D. Many was in Lewiston last Friday.

Sam Wheeler is driving the oxen for Kimball & Heath. MUNN.

OTISFIELD GORE.

The Christmas tree of the Sabbath School, which occurred on the night of the 25th was considered a success. Owing to the day school, however, but limited preparations were made, yet a program consisting of music, recitations, declamations, etc., was well rendered and fully appreciated by a good audience. The tree wore a heavy appearance and contained many valuable presents. The S. S. is in a very prosperous condition indeed, and for the past year has been under the superintendence of F. J. Sawyer, who also serves for the year to come.

A severe accident befell Lena, the little daughter of Mr. Briggs of Harrison, while at her grandfather Yeaton's in Oxford, Christmas. Her uncle, who was at work in the yard, asked her to bring an axe. While she was in the act she slipped and fell. The blade came in contact with her forehead making an ugly wound and a scar for life.

D. L. Brett has been making extensive improvements on his house, both outside and in. The repairing and painting make so great a transformation that you would hardly remember the old building.

NEWRY.

The ladies of the Newry Corner sewing circle gave a fair at Thurston's Hall, Monday evening, Dec. 20th. The evening was fine and a good number were present. There were many pretty as well as useful articles for sale, which were soon disposed of. After the sale we were invited to the vestry, where four tables were well laden with the good things provided by the ladies of Newry and Hanover, who merit much praise for the nice supper provided, of which nearly one hundred persons partook. They realized $53, which is to be expended for a chandelier and other repairs on the church. A.

HANOVER.

Pennacook Colony, No. 48 U. O. P. F.' met in Union Hall Dec. 23d, and elected the following officers for the term ending June 30th, 1887. Gov., J. E. Hinkley; Lieut. Gov., Virgil P. Adamson; Ex-Gov., Isaac Bagnall; Sec., Arthur G. Howe; Treas., Jessie D. Russell; Coll., Joshua B. Roberts; Chaplain, Edwin P. Smith; Sergt. at Arms, Fred A. Barker; Deputy Sergt. at Arms, Charles K. Martin; Sent. of Inner Gate, Ida E. Hinkley; Sent. of Outer Gate, Betsey W. Russell. The Gov. appointed the following auditing committee: E. P. Smith, Isaac Bagnall, Edson Hayford. Installation of officers Jan. 13th. Look out for the program for the evening.

Our people gathered at Union Hall on Christmas eve, and the time passed merrily. A pleasing programme successfully carried out, trees well filled while peace and good will seemed in every heart.

Rev. C. A. Hayden of Auburn lectured here Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Jan. 5th and 6th. A rare opportunity for our little town.

MASON.

The Christmas concert at the church was very interesting. The children and young people all did well in the dialogues and recitations, the singing was very good and the selections appropriate. The trees were very well laden with many useful as well as pretty presents. The exercises were under the direction of Rev. A. H. Witham, pastor of the church.

A. S. Bean's mill is now running full blast here in Mason. B.

Ervin Hutchinson cut his foot very badly last Saturday.

More teams have gone into the woods on the Caribou road.

A. S. Bean expects to put 1200 cords into the Mason steam mill.

Charlotte Mills is in town.

Abbie Mason is visiting her father and mother.

EAST HARRISON.

James L. Warren's family has been very sick with bad colds and coughs but is better now.

We understand the whooping cough is raging in Harrison this winter.

C. F. Perham has just returned from Saccarappa.

George Hall's grocery cart drives through this place once a week from Ede's Falls, driven by Eugene Tenney.

We are having a very good school in this district taught by Herbert Chase.

Robert Edes pant cart goes through this place every two weeks and also J. A. Bucknam's.

Mrs. Ben Shaw is at work for Mrs. W. L. Strout on the Russell farm at Scribner's Mills.

Alphonso Russell is sick this winter.

WEST PERU.

Xmas was observed in an appropriate manner at the F. B. Church Friday eve. The exercises conducted by the pastor of the church, Rev. O. T. Lovejoy, were very interesting. The writer was much pleased to hear for the first time in public from our literary friend, J. N. Irish. H. Burgess acted as Santa Claus and was liberal in his gifts of candies to the children and even the writer a grown up child shared in the sweets. While all present enjoyed it we could but recall these words:

"Dreary grows the winter
To the suffering poor,
When the tender children
Cold and want endure.
Give them from your plenty,
Fill their homes with cheer—
Make the blessed Xmas
Best of all the year."

DISTRICT No 4.—There was a Xmas tree in the school-house here and exercises for the occasion consisting of dialogues, recitations and declamations, singing, vocal and instrumental, playing and singing by the Minstrel Band in this neighborhood; a Xmas dialogue acted by the scholars was very appropriate. Edgar Wyman acted as Santa Claus for that, Henry Burgess as general Santa and comic songster. Especially "The men don't mean what they say," was acted out well and in appropriate dress. He will do for a "Comical Brown." F. Robinson had quite an interest in the exercises and he with H. Burgess did much to make it interesting. The teacher, "E. P. K." from Bethel received several nice presents from her scholars.

Arthur's Home Magazine for January is what its name suggests a magazine for the home circle. It contains stories from the best authors and illustrations, fashions, home decorations, etc. The price of the magazine is $2 a year; 20 cents a month. 920 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.

SOUTH WATERFORD.

A destructive conflagration occurred here on Wednesday evening of last week by which the mills belonging to H. F. Proctor were entirely consumed. Cause, defective flue. Loss fully $4000; insurance $500. There was a prospect of quite a business being done there this winter and the loss will be keenly felt by this community. There is talk of rebuilding as soon as practicable.

The remains of Helen Gerry who died in Portland were brought here on Friday last for burial. Services were held on Christmas day by Rev. C. E. Angell of Norway, when a large number of friends assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to one who was held in high esteem by all who knew her. She will be greatly missed in this community.

The Christmas festival which was postponed until Monday evening was a very successful affair. The two large trees, and also lines and tables were heavily laden with gifts, some of which were valuable. The children, in a charming operetta designed especially for such occasions, did remarkably well and gave evidence of good instruction from the Misses Young who have had charge of them.

A. Stanwood, wife and daughter Alice, are in Boston for a few weeks.

Frank Shaw goes to Newton, Mass., this week to work for Andrew Kimball who has charge of a gentleman's place in that town.

There was a New Year's party at the hall on Friday evening of last week.

SOUTH CASCO.

The Christmas exhibition last Saturday eve was a fine success. The following was the programme:

Reading the 34th Psalm.
Prayer by Bro. Minot.
Song by the Choir.
Dialogue by the Misses Graffam, Mareau, Wilbor and Jordan.
Dialogue by Misses Mareau, Wilbor and Graffam.
Recitation by Lizzie Gould.
Recitation by Josie Cook.
Recitation by Ellen Whitney.
Song by Choir.
Declamation by Ida Wilbor.
Declamation by Alice Mareau.

The closing remarks were made by Bro. Minot.

The Christmas Ball at Welch's Hall was well attended, the proceeds being about as large as was ever taken there.

Jamie Graffam is suffering from a strain contracted while at work for D. Ingalls, by the fall from an apple tree. He fell some fifteen feet, the ladder and basket of apples striking on top of him.

The only cough mixture before the people, that contains no opiates or narcotics is Red Star Cough Cure. Price, twenty-five cents.

GRAFTON.

Though we were not blessed with a Christmas tree this year yet Santa Claus has not forgotten to come around with presents for the little ones. He has been mindful of larger ones also.

We are having cold and blustering weather and there is plenty of snow. The lumbermen are at work in full earnest. There are five different ones operating in town. It is quite lively. We can hear the lumberman's ax in every direction and the sound of the sleds on a cold morning.

We understand that E. T. Brown was presented with a nice span of horses a short time ago worth some $450.

W. H. Evans of Milan, N. H., is lumbering it this town again this winter, being the sixth winter he has operated here. He has six oxen and ten horses at work.

Schools are still in session.

Frankie Otis and Lillie Brown are attending the winter term at Gould's Academy. L. A. B.

NORTH WATERFORD.

Mrs. C. W. Farmer and son have gone to New York where her husband is at work in a tannery.

There were two Christmas trees at the church in this place, both of them loaded down with very nice presents, which made glad the hearts of many.

The I. O. O. F. of Oxford Lodge, North Waterford, have elected the following officers:—M. H. Mosher, N. G.; L. A. Sawin, V. G.; Geo. W. Woodbury, R. S.; F. M. Mosher, P. S.; T. H. Sawin, Treas.; Ira Johnson, A. S. Hapgood, W. A. Manning, Trustees. The lodge will be publicly installed Jan. 12. After the officers are installed there will be a supper furnished by M. H. Mosher at 50 cents a couple, after supper a dance in his hall. NED.

The Kezar Falls Fight.

The *Record* man thus discourses on the situation of affairs at Kezar Falls:—

The old-time feeling of jealousy between the residents of the two sides of the river has again cropped out in the matter of the proposed corn factory. Mr. Flint, who proposes to build the factory, tells us that both sides want the factory; that there is considerable feeling over the matter, and that some farmers hesitate about agreeing to plant until the question is settled. Now this is all wrong. The benefits to be derived will be the same, whether the building is erected on the South Side or North Side, and Mr. Flint ought to be allowed to use his own good judgment in choice of location, unhampered by any silly local jealousy, a jealousy that makes us a laughing-stock in the eyes of all sensible men. He tells us that he prefers not to establish a business if there is a prospect that by locating on one side he would not have the good-will of the people on the other, and we can all see the wisdom of this. Let us hope that, for our present good and future welfare this spirit of jealousy may not be stirred up. We do not know what propositions have been made by the business men of the South Side, but on the North Side Mr. D. D. Ridlon has offered a suitable location, rent free so long as it is occupied by a building devoted to the canning industry. In the light of past events, it is doubtful if the town of Parsonsfield would vote to exempt from taxation; on the other hand, it is doubtful if there would be a single vote in the town of Porter in opposition to the exemption.

We do not know what acreage of corn the South Side farmers have agreed to plant, but we do know that the North Side farmers have already pledged 75 acres, and are ready to guarantee 100 acres, or more if necessary. One man has taken 12 acres, and will take 3 acres more if necessary. Still the matter of location should rest entirely with Mr. Flint, who will of course choose the site that will be best fitted for his business and that will at the same time accommodate the greatest number of his planters. For the benefit of those who do not fully understand the matter, we will say that those who agree to plant the first year will have the privilege of supplying the factory in future years if they care to do so. After the first year the price for corn at the Kezar Falls factory will be the same as at Cornish. Mr. Flint is anxious to have the matter settled as soon as possible so that he may get his lumber and building material on the spot before the snow goes off. Eben Foss, of Parsonsfield, and E. R. Chellis, of Porter have books for the purpose of securing the names of planters, and farmers who have not signed them, and are desirous of planting for this factory, should see one of the above-named at once and so do what they can to assist the enterprise.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

If the drinking water be ice-cold it will require the consumption of much extra feed (fuel) to bring it up to blood heat in the stomach. The animal is taxed to digest and assimilate this extra load of food above that required for the ordinary purposes of sustaining life and making muscle and fat. Would it not pay for the farmer, in addition to warm stables, to have some method of warming the water for his flock? Wood and coal are certainly cheaper fuel than hay and grain. At least it will pay to give water fresh from the well, and not allow it to stand until chilled. To allow them to drink from a frozen stream or pond is wasteful and barbarous.

Farmers and dairymen must not place too much reliance in the oleomargarine law raising the price of butter. If better prices are to be had they will be for good butter alone, for the day when carelessly made and badly kept butter will sell at a paying price has gone. In fact, nothing to-day helps the sale of oleomargarine so much as the presence of this poor dairy butter in our markets. Consumers want pure butter, but where they cannot get it sweet and pleasant to the taste they will of necessity take oleomargarine.

Eggs are sold by the dozen, and once the prices reach a certain point there is no difference between those of large size and those from prematurely matured pullets. The majority of poultry raisers usually keep the early hatched pullets and sell off the old hens, and some go as far as to select the early maturing breeds such as the Leghorns, in order to have the pullets begin laying at as early an age as possible, but the eggs from very precocious pullets are but little larger than those from pigeons, and no advantage is gained thereby. Eggs should be sold according to quality. A dozen of large, well-formed eggs are really more valuable than a mixed lot of different sizes. It has been suggested that they be sold by weight, but such a plan does not meet with favor, owing to the difficulty of fractional portions of the weight, but we see no reason why eggs should be uniform in price though differing in a great many respects. Sirloin steak commands a higher price than that from the brisket, and yet the quality of eggs differ as much as does a carcass of beef. Fresh eggs, however, always command a better price than those that are stale, but there is a difficulty to be encountered in arriving at a knowledge of the good and inferior, but so far as size and weight are concerned there is no necessity for any one being deceived.

If early lambs are expected, breeding ewes should be kept separate from the remainder of the flock, and the less closely they are confined the better, so that they have warm quarters at night. As yearning time approaches, roots or other green food should be given. Wheat bran wet with tepid water has the same effect in stimulating milk production in ewes that it has in cows, and we believe for making lambs ready for the earliest market the ewes milk is worth more per quart than that of a cow in an ordinary dairy. No matter what the cost of feeding, it will prove a mistake to let the young lambs become stunted at any time. As soon as the lambs are a week or ten days old, they will begin to nibble a few oats which should be supplied them.

THE MANURE SUPPLY.—Next to the labor employed upon the farm, the largest outlay must always be for manure upon any of the well-managed farms of the eastern states, and the problem of how to provide this supply most economically is always interesting and important.

Within a radius of 10 or 12 miles of a large city, where horse manure is sold at about $2 to $3 per cord, this furnishes one of the cheapest and best sources of supply. The price of horse manure ranges at present at $3 to $4 per horse per annum, and each horse will produce about two cords per year.

House offal or swill for feeding hogs is used at even greater distances with profit many farmers carting it 15 or 20 miles. The price in Boston is $4 per cord, and within these distances there is probably no other source of manure that can compete with these two articles.

When we come to the more remote farms, the question that at once presents itself to every inquiring farmer is, can I buy fertilizers or feed more stock with best results?

The answer to this question must, of course, depend largely upon the character of the man in question. It would be folly for a man with no experience in feeding stock to embark hastily in such an enterprise for the sake of the manure, and it would be equally foolish for a man who understands the profitable management of stock to invest largely in fertilizers except in special cases and to gain time.

The point we wish to enforce is this: that the food consumed by fattening stock is not wasted, or largely absorbed by them; that, in fact, they absorb only about ten per cent. of the plant food contained in the fodder given to them, about ninety per cent. being found in the excrements.

Prof. Goessmann estimates the value of various articles of fodder for manuring directly as follows: Corn $6.88 per ton, cotton-seed cake meal $26.50, wheat bran $13.13, linseed cake meal $20.43, gluten meal $18.18.

Other researches by eminent chemists place the amount absorbed by fattening mature animals as from eight to twelve per cent. of the value, and by growing stock and milch cows at about twenty per cent. of the value. There should remain from eighty to ninety per cent. of the above named values in the manure and urine obtained by feeding the above described articles provided it is all saved.

This last requirement is a very important one, since nearly one-half the value of manure is often wasted by leakage of urine, by exposure to weather and various other causes, which the thrifty farmer knows as well as any one, and therefore can estimate the importance of saving it all by the use of absorbents enough to retain the urine, and shelter to protect it from the weather.

It would seem that those who know how to feed stock and manage it successfully would be wise to look to an increase of this industry as the best method of improving their farms, rather than to buy largely of manufactured fertilizers. The latter have their use, which is extending quite rapidly enough for the permanent prosperity of the country. They are easily applied for special purposes, and one does not have to use so much labor in handling them; but, after all, the true growth of husbandry will be found in the increased feeding of stock.

The waste of manure and compost upon many, indeed upon most farms is very great, and to stop this leak is one of the most difficult problems with which the practical farmer has to deal.

The waste is in two directions, by evaporation and by leakage or leaching. To prevent the first source of waste, which in the case of horse manure is very difficult, in consequence of the rapidity with which it heats, and the large amount of straw with which it is commonly mixed, it is usual to mix it with cow dung, or to spread it in cellars or pens occupied with swine. The hogs will tramp it down and check too rapid heating, but unless care is used in giving the hogs but little at a time they will often bury themselves under it in cold weather, and when they come out to feed will often "catch their death of cold."

When horse manure is dropped into a cellar under the horses, the fermentation in the cellar often causes annoyance by the pungent smell of ammonia. This smell always indicates loss, and should be stopped at once, for the sake of the health of the stock as well as for economical reasons by sprinkling the manure liberally either with dry peat, or loam, or ground plaster, or with diluted sulphuric acid, until no more odor can be noticed.

To prevent the leakage and leaching is not so simple an affair. Where straw is cheap enough to be freely used as litter, it can be made to absorb the urine and worked up by hogs until it makes good manure. Probably on many farms this will be found the best way to absorb and use the urine of the stock, which, as is well known, contains more money value than the solid excrement. Especially is this the case with horses.

It is worthy of note in this connection that Professor Goessman estimates the value of oat straw for manure at $7.34 per ton. Its average price in Boston market by the carload is $8 to $10 per ton, so that it would seem that farmers who are in want of absorbents for the urine of their stock could well afford to buy oat straw for this purpose. In fact, we know of several shrewd and successful farmers who buy it largely to be used as litter for hogs.

Where straw is scarce and high priced and the manure cellar or compost heap is so wet as to be in danger of loss by leakage, a good way to manage is to make the foundation for the compost heap or cellar bottom water-tight by hydralic cement, or coal tar concrete, giving it a slope into one corner, where a liquid manure tank is to be provided for its collection, whence it can be pumped into a tight cart and sprinkled upon grass land or other crops with wonderful effect. If this method proves inconvenient the liquid can be composted with dry peat or loam and spread from an ordinary cart. The amount of waste by leakage of urine and liquid manure where cows are kept is often very great, and is well worth far more attention than it receives.

We have no comment to make upon those farmers who dispose of their manure by the wasteful practice of pitching it out of a hole in the barn wall directly behind the animals, where it is allowed to receive the drip from the roof in every rain, which speedily leaches out its strength. The urine from said animals passes off through holes in the floor bored for the purpose, and soakes away under the barn into the sub-soil, to the serious risk of any well or spring located within many rods. Such farmers do not get more than one-quarter of the value of their manure, and usually find that farming does not pay. Sometimes they wonder why typhoid fever is so prevalent in their neighborhood!—*Cultivator.*

HOUSEKEEPER.

TEN YEARS A HUSBAND.—"Are you going to the lecture, Henry?" I said, as I saw my husband one evening putting on his overcoat after tea.

"Yes," was the reply.

"I wish you would take me," I answered.

"Really, Mary, I think home is a proper place for a mother."

"But one of my sisters would look after the children. I do so want to hear this great lecturer."

"Tell the truth I have but one ticket," was the reply as he went out of the door, "and I don't think I can afford to buy another."

My husband and I had been married several years. Before the marriage he had been unusually attentive, even for a lover, and if another gentleman spoke to me he was jealous. When there was a lecture or concert anywhere he always took me. If I was invited to a party he was only too glad to accompany me. But now, "parties are a bore," he says, "I can't think why women want to go to them." Then he was all affection. Now, he acts as if he would lower his dignity to show his love for me or my children, and if I offer him a kiss or caress he is almost certain to refuse me. I cannot complain that he neglects his more obvious duties. He gives me plenty of money for dress, lives well, and is even talking of buying a new house. But he seems to think that a wife has no business with anything but housekeeping, and never needs change of scene or other recreation.

"What's the use of a woman," he says, "going out? Home is the place her."

It may be so, but after a hard day's work, I often feel as if a walk in the fresh air or a visit to a neighbors would be a real blessing. I said to him the other evening, when he was going out again:

"Won't you stay at home, Harry, to oblige me? Just this once. I am so lonely."

"Lonely?" was his answer, "how can you be lonely with the children?"

"But they are abed. And recollect I see nobody, day in and day out. Can't you do it—to please me—for this once?" I could hardly speak. It was as much as I could do to keep the tears from coming, his conduct seemed so cruel.

"The fact is," he replied, "I'm dead beat with working all day and I want to go out and get brigtened up a little. You women never make allowance for a man," and he went out crossly.

Never make an allowance! If the husband is worried with business and I do not doubt it, is not a wife worried with housekeeping? Are servants and children and sickness no trouble? And is a woman differently constituted from a man so that the recreation which one considers indispensible for himself is of no use to the other.

"How your complexion has gone" said my husband to me the other day. "It seems to me that in this climate a woman is old at 30."

Again the tears came to my eyes. Harry did not mean to be unkind; he was only thoughtless. But why had I lost my complexion? Can a woman live forever in rooms heated by hot air, never going out except on some errand, and then hurrying home as soon as the errand is done, without losing her complexion? Is it the climate or her mode of life that makes her old before her time? It was on my tongue to say these things but I refrained. I have learned that "silence is golden."

"How I wish I had something to read," I said yesterday. "I think if I had a new book now and then, the evenings when you are out, Harry, would not be so long."

"Books cost to much money in times like these," answered my husband. "I should think your sewing would amuse you enough. To get bread for his family, and lay by a little for a rainy day is as much as a man can do nowadays." As he spoke he lit his cigar and went out.

Will men never understand women? Will they never see their own selfishness in its true light? These thoughts rose to my mind as I reflected with a sigh that a little of the money Harry spent on his cigars would buy all the new books I wanted.

Yet Harry did not mean to be unkind. He saw his mother treated as he treats me, and thinks I have no right to complain. Perhaps I have not. But, oh! how much happier I would be if things were different.

Are women only machines to sew, darn, dust, sweep, bake bread, take care of children and keep house? Have they no need of recreation? No higher nature that is starved by a life like mine?

There is no bone of contented between Harry and me. But his love is now, it seems to me, a very different thing from what it seemed before marriage. Is my fate the fate of all? Is every wife like me when ten years married?

Caleb Warren of East Denmark, one of the oldest and most widely known of the citizens of this region, died Thursday, Dec. 30, after a lingering illness of a year's duration. He was one of the pioneers of Maine Odd Fellowship, had been a member of the legislature, and well filled many of the local offices. He was about eighty years of age. Cumberland Lodge attended the funeral in a body on Sunday.

Gold is not so valuable as health; if you have lost the latter recover it by the use of "L. F." Atwood's Bitters, "L. F."

Oxford County Advertiser.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 1887.

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This paper has a larger circulation than any other paper in the State that is published outside the cities.

David H. Hastings of Fryeburg, was chosen chairman of the Democratic State committee by a unanimous vote.

M. F. Corson of Andover, has compromised with his creditors and resumed business. He paid fifty cents on the dollar.

The Senators of Oxford County in the Maine Legislature for '87 are: Peter B. Young of Hiram, Charles H. Gilbert of Canton, Republican. The Representatives: Paris class, J. S. Wright; Dixfield and Mexico, Wm. M. Kidder; Woodstock class, James L. Bowker; Newry, S. R. Widber; Hebron class, Zibeon L. Packard; Republicans. Fryeburg, etc., S. O. Wiley; Porter, etc., Daniel Brown, Democrats.

County Officers Qualified.

The term of office of the recently elected County officers began last Saturday, Jan. 1st.

The County Commissioners are organized as follows:—Frank G. Bradley, of Fryeburg, Chairman; John Barker, West Bethel, W. W. Whitmarsh, Norway. Albert E. Austin, Paris, Clerk of Courts; John F. Stanley, Paris, Register of Deeds Eastern District; Seymour C. Hobbs, Fryeburg, Western District; Jarvis C. Marble, Paris, Treasurer; Oscar H. Hersey, Buckfield, Attorney; Cyrus M. Wormell, Bethel, Sheriff; James L. Parker, Stoneham, Jailor.

Sheriff Wormell has appointed the following Deputy Sheriffs:—Josiah W. Whitten, Buckfield; Jonathan Blake, Norway; William H. Tainter, Dixfield; Oscar F. Trask, Mexico (P. O. Dixfield); Albert P. Bassett, Norway; James L. Parker, East Stoneham; Jordan Stacy, Porter (P. O. Kezar Falls); Ronello A. Barrows, Canton; David H. Staples, Oxford; Alvan B. Godwin, Bethel; H. W. Benton, Lovell; Henry A. Mills, Andover; E. F. Stone, South Paris.

OXFORD.

Miss H. E. Hersey, formerly of Oxford, is president of the Boston Association of Vassar alumnæ which, on Wednesday, gave a reception at the Hotel Vendome to Dr. James M. Taylor, who was chosen president of Vassar College, a few months ago.

The buildings of Daniel H. Whitehouse situated on Pleasant street were destroyed by fire on the morning of Friday last about 6 o'clock. The fire was first discovered in the house part just breaking through the roof. A stiff breeze was blowing from the north which caused the fire to make rapid progress at the same time causing the cinders and burning shingles to fly over considerable portion of the village. The roofs happened to be covered slightly with snow and ice else the consequence must have been fearful. The stand was not occupied by the family at the time only Mr. W. sleeping there occasionally. Most of the furniture was saved. Cause said to be a defective chimney. Insurance $1200.

Morris Clarke has purchased Mr. Royal's half of the saw and grist mill. He now intends keeping a constant supply of corn meal, shorts, fine feed and flour, also doing custom sawing.

Fred Delano, Durell & Hawkes' clerk, has been called away suddenly by the sickness of his mother, who lives in Peru.

Elmer Parrott and Frank Hawkes are home from Andover Commercial College on a vacation. We listened with much interest to a graphic description of this school in its various branches and should judge it one of the finest institutions in the country.

Mr. Brown and wife (formerly Alice Churchill) have purchased the Joseph Kilgore farm on Temple Hill in Waterford and moved there.

Died at Lake Weir, Florida, Dec. 27th, Loraine, wife of Dr. N. M. Faunce formerly of North Waterford, aged about 50 years. Mrs. F. was a native of Otisfield and eldest daughter of Robinson Cook, esq. She was a woman of rare intelligence, possessing a kind and benevolent disposition and her loss will be deeply felt by her numerous relatives and friends in this vicinity. MARK TAPLEY.

Christmas festival at the Congregationalist church Friday evening. The Saturday evening following, a large audience listened to the exercises at the M. E. church. Two large trees were loaded with presents and the exercises were quite extensive and reflected great credit on the committee.

Rev. H. V. Emmons and family moved this week to Kennebunkport. Their leaving is to be regretted by all.

The Band concert was attended by a large audience Wednesday evening.

Schools all commenced Monday with a large attendance. Prof. James Prescott is principal of the grammar school, Bertha Phillips, teacher of the intermediate and Millie G. Walker, teacher of the primary department.

An old folks' concert by local talent and a drama by the Oxford Comedy Co., with various other entertainments are in prospect for the near future.

Why not have a course of lectures this winter intermingled with musical entertainments, as in former winter months.

A big amount of lumbering is being done on Fore Street by Conant & Nevens of Lewiston.

The Edwards Bros. had a good exhibit of English fox hounds at the South Paris dog show last week. They handle a good stock and are doing a large business shipping dogs all over the New England States.

Clark's mill is having a good run in the stave department, together with the amount of grain sold at this mill every day makes it one of the busiest places in town. Chapman's shovel handle mill is doing a good business at present, altogether, making business in Oxford full as good as in previous years.

A good many of former residents spent Christmas week at home.

Thermometer registered from twenty-six to thirty-four degrees below zero Tuesday morning. FELIX.

Rev. H. V. Emmons has moved to Brownfield.

Frank Hawkes, Elmer Parrott and Tom Ellis, who are attending Phillips Academy, were at home during the holidays.

Egbert Ellis, who is a student at Williams College, is also spending his vacation at home.

A man has been buying apples in Otisfield for a Providence, R. I., firm. A few years ago the greater part of the surplus apples and potatoes in this section were bought by one or two men, now there are nearer a dozen buyers in the field.

W. H. Adams and wife have gone to Monmouth.

A regular fire company ought to be organized here so that each man could know his duty.

The dancing school assemblies commence next Saturday. This school has shown first-class advancement under the hands of J. Haselton.

We predict that L. W. Brown will yet come out as one of our most solid business men. The quantities of broom manufacturing supplies that are coming to him mean something, and his wish and efforts to gain control of certain other pieces of plains land mean something else too. Commonly speaking, one would believe he now had more plains land than was a benefit to him. We love to see improvements in our community and if there can be betterments made from the present worthlessness of our plains land we say, God speed.

The Parrott boys have been home on a vacation. Christmas and New Year's bring back old faces to the dearest place on earth—home.

Patsy Darrington, the well known pugilist of Lewiston, has been stopping in town a few days.

NORWAY CENTER.

Sarah Witt has gone to Massachusetts to spend the winter with her sister who is suffering from heart trouble.

Charles Witt from Boston has been here to visit his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Hathaway, intending to take them home with him. But it was decided that it would be better for them to remain here and have their daughter, Mrs. Witt, come and spend the winter with them. Both are still suffering, he with the sores on his throat and she with broken wrist.

Edward Witt who has been visiting friends in Massachusetts, has returned.

Christmas was enjoyed by many. One man bought his wife a gold watch and chain, and his son a gold chain to go with his watch, besides other valuable presents for different members of his family.

Walter C. Hobbs from Boston with a friend of his, came to make his parents a short visit and called forth many a laugh from children and grand-children around the family Christmas tree.

Little Charlie Richardson says: "We had a Trismas tree at our house and I had lots of pwesents."

NORTH PARIS.

The cattle fever is around and people are being supplied.

P. A. Crawford has traded his horse for a very nice put-up seven-year-old colt.

We are having a very fine school here under the instruction of Herman Fuller of South Paris. Mr. Fuller is a boot and shoe dealer at Norway, a partner to Mr. Millett.

Master Willis of West Paris is making weekly trips to this place.

Dr. John Cobett of district No. 16, is doing marvelous works with his medicine.

DIXFIELD.

Farmers are busy hauling wood and spool timber into the village. Sleighing never was better than it is now.

William Paul is busy breaking colts. He has broken five thus far this winter.

There is a demand for working oxen. Several farmers have been offered good round prices for their cattle, but refuse to let them go.

J. Foster and wife are still in feeble health, but are both slowly improving.

There is considerable sickness in this vicinity. We have three doctors in our village, and they all do considerable riding.

The winter term of our village school has upwards of sixty pupils registered.

PARIS HILL.

James S. Wight, esq., started this week for the Legislative hall at Augusta.

The Lewiston *Journal* in speaking of the death of the of Mr Maxham, late editor of the Waterville *Mail*, says: "There are still a number survivors of the days of the ink-ball and the porringer in Maine. Hanibal Hamlin is one of them. He used to be printer's devil in Oxford County."

The *Journal's* Capital correspondent has the following in regard to State Librarian Hobbs, who used to be County Register of Deeds in this village, and the State library over which he superintends: "A large number of new books for the State library, have just arrived at the capitol—ranging in character from Howell's latest novel to Admiral Porter's Naval History. The State Librarian has had at his disposal $1000 this year. By purchase and exchange, he has acquired 1200 new books. The library now contains 40,000 volumes; and of all these 40,000, the book which has been read most—of all the learned or brilliant of historians, commentators, essayists, novelists and wits, in which the library is rich, the book in most frequent demand during the past two years has been 'Peck's Bad Boy!' Yes, so says State Librarian Hobbs. He has been obliged to have it rebound. 'When I bought it considerable fun was made of me by a distinguished member of the Legislature,' said Mr. Hobbs, 'but the members and their wives kept it out all the time, two winters ago.' The shelves most frequently consulted are those containing the thousands of law books and the patent office reports. The most valuable books are some of the old town histories and such works as Sullivan's History of Maine. Mr. Hobbs told me that one old gentleman who had been hunting for a copy of Sullivan's now almost obsolete work, for a long time, actually cried over this copy, and had hard work to leave it. There are some books which a law of the State prohibits from being carried out of the library. Among them are 'Vattemaire's Exchanges.' M. Vattemaire came to Maine from France in 1849 and effected an exchange of Maine documents for valuable works in the French language, on behalf of his government. These works are not often consulted but are jealously kept. Mr. Blaine uses the library more than any other man. During the last two years, he often has had thirty or forty books at a time. Attorney General Baker is said to patronize the library more than any other lawyer. The justices of the Supreme Court send for books of reference continually. It is said that Judge Emery uses the library oftener than any of his associates. Mr. Homans of Augusta has been the most omniverous of the library's readers. The novels are most thumbed by the wives and families of legislators during sessions. The most expensive book purchased during the year is a volume of Gustave Dore's engravings, which cost $19. Librarian Hobbs buys with much discretion, and makes his money go a good way. He has a generously representative library, exceeded in quality by only three state libraries in the country."

Rev. W. H. Ventres, formerly pastor of the Baptist church in this village, has just entered upon a year's pastorate in Peru.

The week of prayer is observed by the Baptist church this week and meetings are held Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at two o'clock, also Thursday evening.

The county officers were sworn in last Saturday.

J. L. Parker, jailer, will move to Paris this week.

Fred P. Hammond has gone to Portland in the employ of B. Thurston & Co.

The Paris Hill Dramatic Society will present the drama "Comrades" at Bethel this (Friday) evening.

Hon. George F. Hammond and wife are visiting friends in Boston and New York.

PARTRIDGE DISTRICT.—This is the fifth week of school here, James Chaffin, teacher.

We are told that Alton Dean has swapped his horse for a double barrel gun.

Printess Ripley's school on Stearns' Hill finished last week.

Charles Gowell is at work for Bert Ryerson.

Lizzie Ryerson is sick.

Hezekiah Lapham has a nice four-year-old colt.

SWEDEN.

We have had a smart rain of late, yet we have plenty of snow on the ground.

Thomas Jefferson slaughtered two nice porkers a short time ago which weighed 452 and 500 pounds.

Moses Smart was presented with a nice boy a few days before Christmas.

Edwin Knight killed a nice hog last week, but still has four of the hog kind left.

The Lovell Circle met two weeks ago with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Davis. There were over one hundred persons present. Quite a number of relatives and friends assembled at Mr. Davis' Christmas day and the family received many beautiful presents. Grace, their daughter, who was lately married to Frank Hurd received nearly fifty dollars worth of presents. Among her presents were one dozen silver knives and forks, one dozen silver spoons presented by her parents, a splendid Bible that cost eight dollars, presented by her sister Flora, and a nice gold chain with charm given by her husband. A bountiful dinner was served to all present prepared by the hand of Mrs. Davis.

WEST BETHEL.

We are having a variety of weather of late, the thermometer changing from twenty degrees below zero to ten above in a few hours.

The old year has passed away with its joys and sorrows, and with the beginning of the new year let us each strive to make the most of each day as it passes and do all the good we can, for time is fleeting.

The entertainment and oyster supper at Grange Hall on New Year's eve was a success. The drama entitled Thirty Minutes for Refreshments, was well worthy of applause, all the parts being so well performed. The singing by the children and also by the young ladies was excellent, as were a number of tableaux which were greeted by a roar of laughter. In the room below where the oysters were served, were two tables spread with food sufficient to satisfy every one, and the waiters in their pink caps were kept busy attending to the wants of the company.

Albert Fowler and wife from Lovell are visiting relatives here.

Lydia J. Briggs from Albany is at work for Mrs. W. D. Mills.

Flora J. Wheeler returns to Gorham, N. H., this week to resume her duties as teacher.

Mrs Blanche M. Libby and Miss A. P. Mason of Gorham have been visiting at W. H. Merrow's.

L. D. Grover is at work for Leon Tyler in Mason.

The children of William Chapman are sick with throat troubles. M.

SOUTH BUCKFIELD.

The *Gazette* says: Mr. Phillips of Providence, R. I., is here buying apples and potatoes. He pays $2.00 per barrel for No. 1 apples and sometimes more for extra ones. He has bought between one and two thousand barrels. He pays fifty cents for potatoes.

A. F. Warren has sold a horse to William Morrill and bought another.

Z. Wilson Shaw has bought Dell. Jordan's three-year-old colt for $150.

Hay is being delivered in the village at $14 and $15 a ton.

F. Von Heginswool has returned to the old country.

Henry W. Whitman has a yoke of oxen that girth over eight feet and weigh 4500 pounds or more.

A yoke of oxen that girthed 7 feet and 4 inches were recently driven to the city and slaughed and netted the owner but $120.

The neighbors of Moses Jordan made a "bee" and got up his wood.

Widow Lucy W. Chase is to spend the winter at her sister's at Farmington.

Isaac D. Fuller, an ex-soldier, who lost both arms by the premature discharge of a cannon while celebrating the 4th of July, will apply to Congress for a special pension.

Hon. Charles H. Prince, formerly a member of Congress from Georgia, is now a popular trader in Buckfield village.

Clinton Ripley has removed to Dixfield.

Clark W. Foster milks six cows and makes thirty-five pounds of butter per week.

Celinda Farris is at Norway book-keeping for the shoe-factory.

EAST HEBRON.

The visitors for holidays have returned to their respective homes, making many homes lonely by their departure.

Dea. Henry Berry's health is improving. Others on the sick list are no better.

John E. Bailey and wife of Minot lost their only child on Christmas day with whooping cough, a babe nine months old.

John Allen has gone to Buckfield to Dr. Bridgham's to board for a short time.

Mercury stood six degrees below zero last Thursday, the coldest weather of the season.

Coasting has been the chief amusement for the young during the past week.

Granville F. Allen left last Monday for Hartford, Conn., to visit his father, Prof. O. D. Allen.

T. L. Rogers is assisting N. H. Merrill and wife who are sick.

Buckfield has four good doctors and they all have patients in this place at this time.

This cold weather suggests the propriety of having big wood piles and good fires. The weather is too cool for gossip or news this week.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

Business is lively just now in the way of teaming. Several are hauling birch to the spool mill, others are hauling hard wood and poplar to the depot to be sent away. There are two teams of two horses each hauling from Mt. Abram for Lewiston parties. The men have built a platform on which they drive and unload their wood from the sled on to the car. They ship a carload each day.

J. C. Ridlon, W. B. Rand and Geno Bean started Dec. 28th for the Lake country in pursuit of deer. They went up as far as Umbagog and being informed by parties that knew where there was a yard of them they started and ran upon the trail but as there was not much snow they could not catch them as the deer could run. Friday they returned home with nary a deer.

Cliffie, youngest child of Geo. and Esther Crockett, who has been sick for some time, does not seem to be gaining. Physicians visited him last week and pronounced the disease consumption and did not give the family much hope for his recovery.

Kev. G. B. Hannaford preached here Jan. 2d. He took for his text these words, "For the Lord God is a sun and shield," found in the 84th Psalm, 11th verse. It was very instructive and interesting as his sermons always are.

Daniel Cummings and wife are away visiting at Mrs. C.'s daughter's, Mrs. P. O. Abbott of East Rumford.

Mrs. Lydia E. Bean is suffering from a very severe attack of neuralgia.

Charlie Hutchins and wife of Hanover were in town over Sunday.

Several went from here to Bryant's Pond Friday eve to the New Year's Ball. They report a good time and the music first-class.

Jesse F. Libby returned to Gorham, N. H., Monday to commence his school after a two weeks vacation.

Rev. A. R. Sylvester will preach here next Sabbath at 2 p. m.

Weekly prayer meeting at Abner Libby's next Friday evening at the usual hour. L. M.

Over two hundred and fifty cords of birch for spool strips have been hauled in to the Tebbets Manfg. Co. They intend to purchase five hundred cords at their Mill at this place and expect to get the same amount at their Milton Mill. They are receiving daily a car load of strips by rail from other places. They have not been obliged to shut down as yet on account of work, and they report business very good.

E. E. Rand & Co. have shipped about five hundred cords of wood to Lewiston and other points the past season.

Thermometer 14 degrees below Monday morning.

W. B. Rand and J. C. Ridlon went to the Lakes last week to see if they could find a deer before the time expired for taking them. They report the deer have gone into winter quarters, not even leaving a trail behind. B.

EAST ANDOVER.

Mrs. T. W. Blaisdell, teacher of Farmer's Hill school, was presented with an autograph quilt on New Year's by her scholars.

It was 28 degrees below zero last week.

The prayer meeting last Friday night was well attended.

It is reported that a new method of trimming bonnets at a small expense has been discovered but has not been printed in any of the fashion books.

George Farrar swapped horses last week. S.

BRYANT'S POND.

The New Year's Ball was a success in spite of the disagreeable storm of that evening. Some forty couples were present and the dancing was kept up until 4:30 to the splendid music of Young's Orchestra. No company could ask for a finer supper, which speaks well for the house as it does also for Miss Burns, the lady who had the management of its preparation. It was a good, civil company and all left with the hope that they might enjoy as good a time again.

Franklin Grange gave a public dinner at their installation Jan. 1. S. C. Davis was the installing officer.

The Salvation Army lost their grip here Friday night. The storm and dance prevented their "thrashing the devil." E.

The ball at the Glen Mountain House proved a success, notwithstanding the stormy weather. Thirty-six couples were in attendance. Young's orchestra did a splendid job and all went smoothly.

A large number were present at the Grangers' installation Saturday and did ample justice to the oyster dinner.

Mrs. M. M. Hathaway is sick.

Mrs. Elijah Day remains about the same.

John Wright has again left the town farm. CLINTON.

HEBRON.

A donation at Rev. C. E. Harden's last Friday. On account of the storm only fifty attended. Twenty-three dollars worth of farm supplies were received.

Hannah Packard, sister of Z. L. Packard, is very sick and is not expected to live.

The singing school commenced Tuesday evening at the school-house, with H. A. Cushman as instructor.

The drama has been given up owing to some of the characters chosen not wishing to play it.

Prof. H. L. Whitney was expected to come to Hebron last week but could not on account of his colt being very sick. It is not expected to live.

Ellsworth Cushman sold 34 barrels of apples to G. H. Porter of South Paris last week for $1.25 a barrel.

Henry Stearns has just sold 133 barrels of apples for $1.50 a barrel. They were sent to Boston. Mr. Stearns caught a gray squirrel two weeks ago that is now quite tame. He has a nice cage for it made by Herman George.

The mercury was down to 16 degrees below zero here last Thursday morning and 10 degrees below Monday morning.

A number of our citizens water pipes froze up during the cold spell last week.

NORWAY LAKE.

J. L. Partridge moved into his new and spacious store on New Year's day.

Samuel Partridge had quite a serious illness last week, said to be heart trouble.

W. S. Partridge is driving the grain team for the time being.

C. W. Partridge bargained away a hundred live turkeys the other day, but when the parties came for them they had no cash.

Alfred Shattuck is having an ill turn.

Mrs. L. A. Bradbury was presented by her boarders with a Christmas gift of a silver milk pitcher and sugar bowl.

WELCHVILLE.

32 deg. below zero at the depot Tuesday morning and 26 deg. at the post-office.

The schools commenced again Monday with the same teachers as last term.

Three rooms of the woolen mill are running all night with extra night crews, and there are a number of new workmen arrived to fill up the crews.

Helen Coy spent the holidays with her mother at H. W. Coy's.

Fred Chaplin, wife and daughter are visiting at his father's, Cyrus Chaplin.

Twelve nice Cabinets for $2.00 at Oxford. 53-2*

A watch meeting was held at the Methodist church last Friday evening, and the "Week of Prayer" is being observed this week.

NORTH BUCKFIELD.

Christmas and New Year both passed very quietly here in our place.

Our winter term of school is being taught by Arthur Briggs of East Sumner.

The sick ones are all better.

Mrs. Sarah Record, who slipped on Mrs. Mayhew's doorsteps and broke her wrist, is getting along as well as can be expected.

Mrs. Fred Barrett is at Auburn on a two week's visit.

Minnie Bicknell is at work for William Robinson.

Gertie Carey of Salem, Mass., sent fifty pounds of nice candy Christmas to be divided among her many friends. We all had a sweet time.

Uncle Ladd is at work for Augustus Spaulding chopping wood. He works early and late.

D. L. Farrar was at the Poultry Show at South Paris the last day and reports a handsome lot of poultry.

Mrs. E. C. Mayhew had a New Year's present of a barrel of No. 1 flour. Her oldest sister, Mrs. Farrar was the giver.

A number from West Sumner passed last Sabbath in our place. GLENDALE.

GREENWOOD.

It should have read a few years more instead of two as we had it last week that the town of Greenwood would be out of debt. Doubtless the way we had it would suit everybody better.

David Emmons has gone to Philadelphia.

D. G. Herrick and wife have been to Welchville visiting friends.

E. W. Penley has bought A. C. Swan's oxen.

C. M. Buck has sold his oxen to J. C. Bennett & Co. of Norway. JOHN.

GILEAD.

Mrs. Gilbert the Senator's wife is at her father's, George Burnham.

D. L. Keniston got his leg hurt badly last week by a birch bolt rolling on it.

A wedding took place on the 30th at the residence of the bride's parents; Miss Vesty Wight to B. Chapman of Bethel. The happy couple left immediately on a bridal tour for Portland.

A report is at hand stating that we have a liquor dabbler in town. Who is going to look after it?

George H. Brown and C. D. Hill were in town Dec. 31st.

New Year has passed us: may 1887 bring blessings to the editor, fellow correspondents and our many readers.

New Year comes in with a thaw and then a freeze.

Mrs. T. G. Lary is quite feeble.

Asa Keniston has moved to town from Albany and is going to run a boiler for J. P. Skillings.

They say that one of our most prominent is trying to learn the blacksmith trade. MUNN.

CASCO.

Last week Levi C. Maxfield, John T. Maxfield and the writer went on to Rattlesnake pond and captured thirty-nine fine pickerel, the total weight of which was less than seventy-five pounds, but was nevertheless a good catch.

I wish to correct a statement made by your East Otisfield correspondent, "Percy Vere," in regard to the school teacher in that place. It is Anson A. Cobb instead of E. O. as he had it.

School in district No. 5 keeps two weeks longer.

J. N. Eastman has got a new sleigh, a beauty.

James H. Tolman went to Portland, Saturday to assume his duties as County Commissioner.

There is talk of a high school in this village the coming spring or soon after the close of the present term which is taught by Fred Dudley of Harrison.

Horace Walker of Pike Corner wants to sell his farm.

William M. Cook is hauling a lot of peeled hemlock timber from his Poplar Ridge lot. E. P. U.

NORTH RUMFORD.

The thermometer got right down to business last week Wednesday and Thursday morning. It registered 22 degrees below.

The New Year came in weeping, a sharp crust formed on about six inches of snow and we noticed that the teams which went through it in the morning marked the snow with blood.

Dolly Howard is ill and has been unable to attend her school in Dist. No. 3, Andover, the past two weeks.

John Howe and D. G. Glines have been to Peru and purchased a pair of oxen each.

Don't date your letters back a year.

Mr. Penley is stopping at home now for a time. JEM KEEN.

NORTH NEWRY.

M. L. Thurston started his birch mill Monday. Clifford Littlehale runs the engine. Howard Thurston who formerly did this business, has hired with his brother, J. A. Thurston, at Newry Corner to do the same business.

Clifford Littlehale lost a nice cow the other day; cause unknown.

Irving Stearns made us a short call this week.

School in district No. 6 commenced Jan. 3d, taught by Frank C. Kilgore.

Christmas festival passed off very pleasantly. The tree was laden with many useful and handsome presents. The following was the programme:

Music by J. A. Howard, Mrs. Esther Searles, Dennis Kilgore. Mrs. I. P. Kilgore played the organ.
Prayer, ...Rev. I. A. Bean.
Recitation, Christmas Eve,...Genie Littlehale.
Recitation, Christmas Poem, ...Maenette Littlehale.
Declamation, Who Makes the Passions, ...True Eames.
Declamation, ...Willie Walker.
Tableau, Knighthood.
Declamation, ...Frank Kilgore.
Song, with banjo accompaniment, ...Herbert Powers.
Recitation, ...Nellie Kilgore.
Dialogue, "Mr. and Mrs. Blizzard," E. Whitman and Liona Willard.
Recitation, Entertaining Her Big Sister's Beau, ...Genie Littlehale.
Comic Song, ...Charles Harlow.
Tableau, Night, ...Cora Sanborn.
Tableau, Morning, ...Liona Willard.
Declamation, ...Allie Baker.
Recitation, Annie and Willie's Prayer, ...Lillie Stearns.
Recitation, ...Evie Monroe.
Song and banjo accompaniment, We all have troubles of our own, ...Herbert Powers.
Declamation, ...Charles Harlow.
Tableau, Courting Scene.
Dialogue, Irish Love Letter.
Drama, "Hans Von Smash," Walter Fish, Frank Kilgore, Clifford Littlehale, Herbert Powers, Alice Fish, Nellie Kilgore, Myra Libby.
Singing by the Choir.
Tableau, Good Night.

EAST OTISFIELD.

Members and friends of the F. Baptist Society gave their pastor, Rev. F. W. Towne and wife, a donation on the afternoon and eve of Dec. 29th. A very pleasant time was enjoyed.

Members and friends of the Sabbath School remembered their worthy Superintendent, John Kemp, on Christmas by presenting him with a very nice sleigh robe.

James Robinson is at work for O. H. Stone.

T. Jackson sold three nice cows to Alden Pulsifer of Minot.

Nelson Thurlow's two years old bull dressed 909 lbs.

Wm. Caldwell loaded a car load of apples at Oxford station from this vicinity.

J. W. Holden, esq., is away to Portland. RUMOR.

WEST PARIS.

Christmas passed very pleasantly in our little village. On Christmas eve although rainy the Centennial Hall was crowded with people to view two beautiful trees loaded with gifts for everybody present. A portion of the evening was spent with declamations, recitations and music. Santa Claus paid a short call but hadn't time to distribute all the presents so left them with George Bryant and Ed Brown. Among the beautiful presents, Harry Johnson, our colored gentleman, received a beautiful gold watch, also a (baby) doll; his wife received a silver service; many others received silver services.

Frank Thurlow informs me that he made Dec. 1 one gallon of maple syrup from sap that run from maple trees the last of November. The probability is that those trees will not leave out next spring. It is a bad practice to even trim trees in the fall of the year.

We were somewhat startled last Thursday at the announcement by yellow dodgers that our village was to be bombarded and closing with the invitation for our people to come at ten cents each to help Capt. T. F. Gardner of the Salvation Army thrash the devil at the Methodist church Thursday evening. Out of curiosity we went to the church, paid our ten cents and went in. One thing was quite observable, the great absence of church members, whether from fear of seeing his sable majesty or the lack of courage at seeing him thrashed, two or three only being present. The audience consisted of twenty or twenty-five persons. Capt. Gardner, a little 12 year old girl and a young man were the detachment to bombard our place and thrash the devil. The knee drill was the kneeling of the Capt. and little girl. The Capt. made a rambling prayer or exhortation, we were at a loss to know which. The little girl made a beautiful short prayer full of feeling and pathos. Then came the tambourines and songs which were very good and we should say that the Capt. would be more successful as a master of a minstrel troupe than as a speaker. The speaking was rambling, incoherent and uninteresting. At the close of the meeting there was no prisoner captured and his majesty got off without being much hurt. Capt. Gardner and his squad, as I am informed, camped in the church that night and left here on the first train the next morning. The dead still sleep and our village survives the bombardment and the devil still at large and unwhipped.

J. Wayland Kimball was here four or five days last week getting up new patterns and designs for chairs. Mr. Kimball says he must have one thousand chairs a week and in order to get that number he will for the present finish his chairs in New York and use the large building that he has been using for finishing purposes for wood workers. He will increase his number of workmen and pay roll at once.

Dunham's Hall is up and boarded.

Israel Emmons is hauling his lumber on to his lot for his new store and dwelling.

C. H. Young has his new studio completed and is doing some nice work.

The roads are now in good condition and a large amount of lumber and wood is being hauled to this place.

Bert Day was badly hurt by the kick of a horse one day last week. The injury was so severe that it required the assistance of a surgeon to dress the wounds.

Query, can S. S. Webber recognize his own hog yet or will his neighbors have to bring his home and exchange. Webber has some nice pigs 10 weeks old.

The boys say a cheap drunk can be had on U. S. Bitters. What is the difference between selling such bitters and stout rum? It is a disreputable business anyhow, as well sell the liquor straight without the bitters.

Our people are slumbering again in regard to a fire department.

We deeply regret that Quimby Perham decided to leave his school here on account of some unpleasantness. Mr. Perham is reported as a good teacher and would have done well if he had remained. JNO.

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WEST POLAND.

Christmas passed very pleasantly with a tree at the Grange Hall for the children.

Geo. O. Goodwin has been in Rhode Island the past week on business. He is doing quite a business buying and selling apples.

Mr. Wiggin, who has been preaching here the past year, has engaged with the people the coming winter. There is quite an interest in the meetings at the present time.

Nena Dudley commenced school in Oxford Jan. 3d, where she taught the fall term. We hear she is liked much as a teacher.

Dr. Taylor of Harrison, has been in this place for a few days working at dentistry.

Mrs. B. S. Fernald, who has been in Lynn, Mass., for a few months was expected home last week but was detained by the illness of her sister, Mrs. M. B. Hutchinson.

J. A. Libby preached at Cumberland Mills Jan. 2d at the new church.

Clinton Ray has moved to Pigeon Hill.

Mellie Keene, who has been visiting friends in Portand and Boston, returned last week. TWILIGHT.

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EAST PERU.

Dec. 30 the thermometer was 18 degrees below; Jan. 1, 40 degrees above zero. We think the north pole is nearing us one day and the next day Florida's orange blossoms would thrive in their beauty.

W. E. Farrow, Eastman & Co. will put in a lot of birch to be sawed by G. T. Piper at Farrow's mill.

A severe rain visited this place the 31st with six inches of snow.

Charley Chase is recovering from a narrow escape from rheumatic fever.

G. T. Piper of Livermore, will put in a shingle machine to cut about 200,000 shingles at this place. His birch he will saw in the spring.

W. H. Conant has moved into Holt's Block. He will engage in tin business and will deal in hardware. He moves all of his business from East Peru.

Geo. Holman is visiting friends here. He works at his trade in New Hampshire. He is a tin-man by trade.

Dr. D. Dyer & Son's medicines can be obtained of W. L. Jones at this place.

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Your money refunded if it does not do all claimed.

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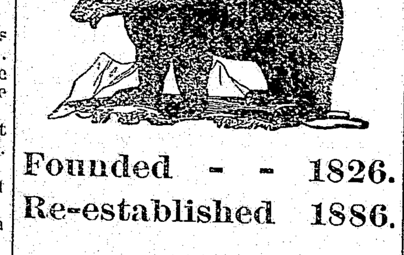
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As we wish to reduce our stock of Ladies' Garments we have decided to sell them at a great discount.

WE HAVE A VERY GOOD STOCK

Of Wraps, Newmarkets, Jackets, etc., in the latest styles.

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The Market Man, has moved into his New Quarters in Cole Block and is prepared to furnish the best of everything in his Line. Lowest Cash Prices Guaranteed and Prompt Delivery.

You Will Find all Kinds of OVERCOATS at
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And in all Colors and Styles. He also carries the largest Line of

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NORWAY AND VICINITY.

Just look at our sidewalks,
How glassy with ice,
The man who strews ashes
Is not only nice—
But deserving of thanks
From pedestrians all,
His kindness will save
Full many a fall.

Buy you. clothing at J. F. Huntington & Co's.

From twenty to thirty degrees below zero Tuesday morning.

Millett & Fuller are having a large trade at their boot and shoe store.

Uncle Bailey's black colt is a fine looking animal. It can't be beaten every day.

Jonathan Blake and A. P. Bassett are the deputy sheriffs for this section.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Moore contemplate spending the winter in Florida.

Bone meal and egg food to make hens lay for sale at C. G. Mason's. *

Elias H. Woodsum of Norway, has a very desirable house for sale. See ad.

J. W. Everett has moved his meat market to Cole's new store near Norway Hall.

Mrs. S. P. Kelley has from five to eight rooms to rent. tf

We notice the Merriam brothers drive a new horse.

Lots of new crockery just arrived at Green & Co's.

Several intend to attend the Carnival in Montreal the second week in Feb.

Twelve nice Cabinets for $2.00 at Oxford. Best in Oxford County. 53-2*

J. A. Bolster has bought the house adjoining his marble shop of Mrs. F. E. Small.

No man or woman can start the New Year right who is 21 months in arrears for their local paper.

Helen S. Swan has a fine library of choice books. Our young people are great readers.

A good attendance and an excellent sermon at the Universalist church Sunday afternoon.

C. E. Holt made a large addition to his law library during last year. He has now five sets of reports.

Will Channell cut off the end of a finger Monday while sharpening a splitting knife in the shoe factory.

G. A. R. meeting this (Friday) evening installation of officers and oyster supper. S. of V. are invited.

Mrs. Frank Crockett had some moose meat sent from Mt. Kineo the past week, by Johnnie Sparrows.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Moore have been visiting relatives and friends in Lovell the past week.

Haselton's popular assemblies at Cheese Factory Hall, Oxford, every Saturday night. Young's Orchestra makes music.

Haselton's popular assemblies at Norway Hall every Friday evening. Music, Young's Orchestra. You are invited. See posters. Programme of fourteen dances every night.

The Norway Selectmen request all persons having bills against the town to present them at once. According to vote of the town the fiscal year ends Jan'y 31 and all outstanding bills must be gathered in at once.

Large attendance at the regular meeting of Oxford Lodge F. & A. M. Monday evening to witness the work on the 1st degree. It is claimed that the officers are as good workers as can be found in the State.

At a regular meeting of the Boscobel club, Saturday evening, the following were elected for the ensuing term:—Geo. F. Lewis, President; Geo. Holmes, Vice Pres.; F. W. Faunce, Sec. and Treas.; H. M. Bearce, S. R. Knowland, J. W. Swan, Executive Committee.

Mr. Wiswall will commence next Sunday evening in the vestry of the lower church a brief series of sermons. Seats free and all invited. Sunday night talks on every day topics is the theme in general.

The ladies of the Universalist circle had a "Mum supper," "Taker Tree" and "Apron Sale" at Concert Hall, Tuesday evening. A full hall and most enjoyable occasion was the result.

A new and stylish bill board has been built in front of the hose house near Norway Hall. This is in the same place as the old one. There is a door in the bill board through which is the access to the hose house.

There were some sixty couples in the grand march at the New Year's Drill and Ball given by the Nealy Rifles of Lewiston at Norway Hall. The evening was stormy and we understand that financially it was not a success.

The old, reliable Norway Jeweler still occupies the old stand in the Noyes Block. Watches, clocks and jewelry repaired as it should be. See ad.

It is reported that W. C. Pierce has turned journalist since his advent at Los Gatos, California. He is serving as reporter on a local paper of that city. Westumbles into any business very easily. He and his sister enjoy good health.

The box rent at the post-office has increased a little over $24 since a year ago. The business has increased a heap in the past twelve months. This indicates that our village is growing and business booming. Postmaster Rowe will probably get another increase in salary next July.

Mrs. W. C. Cole received a very handsome gold pin from the Champion Mowing Machine Co. as a Christmas present. The design of the pin is a mowing machine drawn by two horses. Mr. Cole is the selling agent of the Champion machine in this vicinity and the pin like their machine is the very best.

Mrs. Chas. A. Jones of Portland, whose wonderful medical cures are the subject of much comment, is at the Beal's House and can be seen there this (Friday) morning before the 10:15 train for Portland leaves. She arrived at the Hotel Thursday and has been kept very busy.

The French coffee pots sold by W. C. Leavitt give perfect satisfaction. A cup of first-class coffee can be made with them in five minutes. No settling required.

The Norway Co-operative Trade Association held their annual election of officers at Grange Hall Saturday morning. They elected the following old board of officers:—Sec., M. J. Rowe; Treas., H. C. Oxnard; Board of Directors, C. W. Ryerson, E. A. Morse and James N. Baker; Auditors, Mary Hall, A. A. Grover.

The following officers of the Harry Rust Camp, No. 42, Sons of Veterans, were installed Monday evening by Major Gen. H. L. Wight of Auburn, installing officer:—Capt., J. W. Crommett; First Lt., Theodore L. Webb; Second Lt., John M. Bumpus; Camp Council, Julian Brown, Dennis Pike, W. E. Lewis. Two new recruits were mustered in.

Collector Osgood Drew of Albany, was in town Monday to pay the Albany state tax of $523.15. Collector Drew has never failed to meet his State tax in full on the first of January. He finds but little trouble in collecting the Albany tax in full every 12 months and meeting all their obligations promptly. Pay or go to jail is his motto tempered with unrelenting firmness, sense and moderation.

The pig squash at Mrs. Woodsum's is to be cut Saturday evening. A few more guesses on the number of seeds will be accepted. All millinery goods have been marked down to a low figure to insure quick sales.

The mercury at 15 below. The water was shut off at the stop and waste cock in the cellar at the residence of Dr. French. It froze and opened the pipe in the rear of shut-off and in less than no time a raft of a wash tub and two empty pork barrels was improvised and domestic equilibrium was not regained until the company's shut-off on the street was found. May be the Norway fire department will volunteer to pump out that water. Ye, who have city water, take warning for when ye least expect it the torrent may be upon you and the baby's crib, like Moses' ark of bull-rushes on the Nile, may float on to the topmost shelf in the pantry cupboard. Take heed!

Lizzie Brackett of Harrison, has been visiting at Chas. H. Haskell's.

Literary and illustrated papers, magazines and libraries at the Oxford Book Store. *

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bangs have been out of town the past week.

Grand display of fire works Wednesday evening by Nathan Hatch.

The Knight Templars are shortly to have a big time here.

Mrs. Belinda Jewett of Portland, an aunt of Mrs. C. B. Cummings, was buried Saturday.

Look in Greene & Co's window and see the new lamps. The price is very low. *

Lend the ADVERTISER to your neighbors so they can read John McElory's story. Back numbers supplied.

George W. Horne sings in the choir of the First Universalist church, Congress Square, Portland.

Hattie Bolster returned from Lynn last Tuesday, where she has been stopping a few weeks.

A. E. Delano was the first on our list to pay for his paper to 1890. He proposes to own and have the right to lend his paper without let or hinderance.

Vivian W. Hills has recently put in a burglar and fire proof safe of the Hall make. It is considered to be the largest and best safe in town. It is a beauty and was made especially for Mr. Hills.

The rent formerly occupied by J. W. Everett in the old Hathaway block is being remodeled by Cyrus Woodsum into a grocery and confectionary store to be occupied by parties from Mechanic Falls.

Miss Libby, the photographer, is prepared to do all kinds of work in her line at her studio on Deering street. She makes the best of work at low prices.

The Extra Diamond Syrup is for sale by A. C. Green & Co. and it will give satisfaction every time. No more corn syrup for us. *

Mrs. M. E. Woodsum, the milliner and dressmaker, has rented the store in the Noyes block formerly occupied by Mrs. Wetzler and is shortly to move her millinery business into it.

F. D. Scribner, the machinist at the Falls, who has been having a run of fever is slowly gaining. He has been confined indoors some six weeks. The work in the shop has been progressing under the charge of L. C. Trask.

There will be preaching at the Universalist church next Sabbath evening, at 7:30 when Miss Angell's subject will be "The worn out Pulpit."—On Sunday, the 16th, at the usual hour Rev. W. S. Perkins of Lewiston, will occupy the desk.

That clam chowder in bulk at Abbott's is the handiest possible thing for supper. Heat and add the milk is all you have to do for a delicious dish. *

The Norway Light Infantry we understand are to give a Ball some time in February. New officers are soon to be elected to fill the places of those who have resigned because of their removal from town, and the ranks recruited.

Officers elect of Wildey Encampment, No. 21 I. O. O. F.: C. P., J. W. Crommett; H. P., C. A. Woodbury; S. W., F. I. Brown; J. W., A. E. Dean; Scribe, E. P. Walker; Dist. Deputy, G. P. Young.

Officers elect of Norway Commandery, No. 247, U. O. G. C.: P. N. C., John Devine; N. C., G. A. Cleaves; V. C., Ella F. Moulton; K. of R., Luella Cummings; F. K. of R., George W. Horne; H., Simeon Harriman; P. Nellie Jewett; Lodge Deputy, C. L. Pike.

Rev. D. W. LeLachuer of Portland, will give his famous lecture on "Courtship and Marriage" at the Methodist church next Tuesday evening, Jan. 11th. Doors open at 7 o'clock; lecture to commence at 7:30. Tickets, 20 cents at the door; school children, 10 cts.

Papeterie, or box stationery from 10 cents up. The largest line and best assortment in town at Oxford Book Store. *

"Hard times" are contagious. The same that has affected some of our neighbors has reached us. The ladies of the Cong'l society will hold a "Hard-times social" at their vestry next Wednesday evening. Supper at 6:45. All are expected to dress in a manner to represent hard times and those who are most successful will receive a suitable reward.

The skating season seems to be more prosperous than the tobogganing season. The best skaters on this side of the ocean are the Canadians, and it is said that the fastest skater ever seen in this country was a Norway champion. He wore long straight-edged skates, and made ten miles in thirty-nine minutes seven and a half seconds.—*Boston Journal.* No doubt the aforesaid Norwegian bought his skates of C. G. Mason.

Dist. Deputy G. M., F. A. Thayer of South Paris, on Tuesday evening installed the following officers of Norway Lodge, No. 16 I. O. O. F.: N. G., H. A. Marshall; V. G., E. P. Walker; R. S., A. L. F. Pike; P. S., E. G. Burnell; T., E. Ames; R. S. N. G., G. P. Rowe; L. S. N. G., John Crockett; R. S. V. G., W. A. Channell; L. S. V. G., E. E. Libby; I. G., Charles Johnston; O. G., Adna Keene; R. S. S., Jere Cragin; L. S. S., Clinton Harriman; W., Merton Libby; C., T. L. Webb.

The Norway Toboggan Club was organized at the Beal's Hotel last Friday evening and officered as follows:—Pres., S. S. Stearns; Sec., E. B. Houghton; Treas., E. E. Millett; Directors, H. M. Bearce, C. S. Tucker, C. L. Hathaway, J. W. Swan and S. S. Stearns Ex-officio; Committee on By-laws, E. B. Houghton, S. S. Stearns, S. R. Knowland. It was voted that the number of original members be limited to seventy-five and that the shares be fixed at $3 each. The work of constructing the slide has been let to the Holt Bros., who build it for $135. It will be finished in a few days.

Houghton of the Oxford Book store will furnish information as to any book published in this country, and procure the same for you at publishers' prices. *

Arrangements for the projected fair of the G. A. R. and S. of V., to be held during the second week of February are progressing favorably. The list of sub-committees is nearly completed and every lady in town whether connected with or specially interested in either of these organizations is invited to co-operate with the committees with a view to making this the most successful fair ever held in Norway. Contributions are solicited and due notice will be given where articles intended for the fair may be delivered.

Abbott thinks that either those indebted to him do not read the ADVERTISER, or else omit reading the locals. He would like to see those indebted to him during the coming week. *

Read the Red Acorn serial story.

SOUTH PARIS.

The last important event in the village of the old year has closed viz., the poultry show. It is said to have been a success and a full account of premiums awarded will be found in another column. A large variety of fowl were represented and the exhibitors represented a large number of towns in the State. The exhibition began every morning with a full chorus by the numerous chanticleers present. At the Engine House Hall everything seemed going to the dogs. There were rising fifty dogs present and numerous canine fanciers from different parts of the state. Among them we noted L. N. Edwards, the president of the "Great Oxford Gun Club" whose hair lifting exploits have graced many a column of the ADVERTISER.

The toboggan craze has struck the village and a chute has been improvised to the rear of F. A. Thayer's furniture shop down the steep bank to the river. From the various reports of the sliders we glean the following:—The animal being of Canadian birth and unused to Yankee climate needed a little urging at the start and perhaps not understanding the language employed, balked and backed, then started like an express train, leaped knolls and hollows and came down on solid bottom with a thump that sent numerous electrical shocks up the back bones of the riders and caused their brains to send out a constant impression of shooting stars; striking the river the toboggan seems to be inclined to waltz and spins over the ice on a dizzy whirl and brings up as an appropriate climax by striking some obstacle and thereby causing a grand cyclone in the air of arms, legs, hats, caps, rubber boots and red flannel petticoats. One of the riders told your reporter that he wouldn't take another ride for fifty dollars. "Give me the old sled" says the "old boy" but "Young America" likes hair-breadth escapes. The result of two nights sport seems to be several demolished toboggans and several broken heads.

One of Charles Thayer's double teams was struck by the Norway train on the crossing on Norway Avenue of Thursday afternoon, and one of the horses killed and the driver and other horse somewhat injured. It is reported that the blame is wholly with the driver, but be that as it may the crossing is a blind one and needs gates as well as several other crossings in our village, and we hope that this accident will call the attention of the rail road authorities to this fact.

Charles Cushing of Freeport, was in town this week.

The Paris Manufacturing Company are making toboggans for the Norway Toboggan Club and cushions for the same.

The Norway water works in this village have presented the hydrants in this village with an overcoat. The one by the sled factory has a larger one than the others and constructed with more artistic grace.

Gen. James A. Hall of Damariscotta, was in town last week.

A Beagle Club has been organized in the village. The prominent members are A. M. Gerry, F. A. Bonney and J. A. Kenney. The club had several beagles in the recent dog show.

A number of our Good Templars visited the Aqua Pura Lodge at Welchville this week.

One of our citizens, who is known as possessing large means recently said, so it is reported, that a workingman should not receive more than eighty cents per day, that he could live and his family on that sum. Who blames the workingman for being dissatisfied when the outward generosity of a would-be millionaire is just a man's bare necessities?

The Week of Prayer is observed by the several churches in the village this week.

Sheriff Cyrus M. Wormell has appointed E. F. Stone of this place Deputy Sheriff.

One person was baptized and four received into the Methodist church Sunday.

C. F. Swan has a new blacksmith shop near Linscott Hall.

A new toboggan slide was manufactured Saturday in the rear of the school house.

Rev. D. W. LeLacheur of Portland, will deliver his lecture on "Courtship and Marriage" at the Methodist church Jan. 12th.

Mrs. A. H. Andrews has returned from Massachusetts, where she has been visiting friends.

A disgraceful sparing match came off in this village Saturday evening. We should say it was time for some of the citizens of this village who pretend to morality and uprightness to interfere with such doubtful entertainments.

The Baptist Circle met with Mrs. Leonard Whitman Thursday evening.

The following officers were elected for the coming year at Mount Mica Lodge I. O. O. F., last Thursday evening:—G. P. Tucker, N. G.; W. L. Farrar, V. G.; F. P. Burbank, Sec.; A. E. Shurtleff, Treas.; N. D. Bolster, G. A. Wilson and S. E. King, Trustees.

Several of the water pipes froze at the sled factory Monday morning owing to inadequate heating of waters. Many complained of its being dangerously cold in the shop.

EAST WATERFORD.

Dancing school is now in session with J. H. Haselton of Norway, teacher. Some 20 couples are attending and there is prospect of a fine school.

Christmas and New Year passed very quietly in this vicinity.

Otis Martin is paying 27 cts. for eggs.

Ames is as usual full of work at his new repair shop.

P. N. Haskell is having quite an amount of hemlock timber hauled in at his mill this winter.

Very cold weather we have had and think it strange if there are any whole thermometers left.

Big Jim, the Frenchman, is hauling timber to Haskell's mill.

Wesley Farnham of North Norway, has three teams hauling poplar to Crooked River.

J. E. McIntire took home a new horse from Portland last week.

McIntire & Johnson are having quite an amount of lumbering done this winter on their lots in Waterford and Albany.

Some fellows caught a nice string of over 50 pickerel at Papoose Pond one day lately.

It is good sledding now and those having teaming to do are taking advantage of it.

W. S. Merrill has bought the Lem Shedd farm. TRANSIENT.

ANDOVER.

Capt. John F. Goold, a prominent citizen of Andover, who was stricken with paralysis three weeks ago, died on Sunday the 27th, at the age of 72 years and 6 months. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Gilman Rice, who preached an effective sermon and as soon as the services were concluded the body was carried to Rumford and was sent from Rumford the following morning where a relative met it and from there it was shipped to Portland. Capt. Goold was a man who was highly respected although eccentric in some peculiarities. Such cases are numerous with aged persons. He was a brother to Thomas O. Goold, who for many years was conductor on the Grand Trunk Railway. The deceased leaves a widow.

James P. York means business. He has bought the widow Mitchell's stand situated at Roxbury pond.

Charles Goodridge has gone into the woods with a pair of horses to work for the coming logger, Henry Porter.

At the school meeting last week it was voted (after the house had been accepted) to commence school immediately. It is now in a flourishing condition and the school is largely attended.

Bert Berry, who took the contract to haul wood for "Pen" at the Arm of the lake, cut his horse severely at the first load.

The ice season has commenced. Five thousand cakes have already been hauled into the ice houses.

Ranger & Pearey advertise a "sail" to take place at their store.

Walter Morton, Frank Thomas' head cook, paid us a very pleasant visit last week.

EAST BETHEL.

The Ladies Aid society met Thursday afternoon and evening, Dec. 30th, with Mrs. Galen Blake. In the evening supper was served consisting of hot oysters and pastry. Despite the cold weather a goodly number were present and a considerable sum of money was realized.

PORTER.

Richard and Lizzie Norton went to Boston, Mass., Dec. 31st to spend a couple of weeks with their sister, Mrs. Freeman H. Chadbourne.

Irving Rounds seems to be improving.

Mrs. Martha Colcord has been sick the past week.

Mrs. Daniel Durgin is suffering from a rheumatic trouble.

Mrs. H. B. Jellison is on the convalescent list again, and we hope will remain there this time.

Mrs. Lizzie Smith *nee* Pearl, formerly of this town now a resident of Amboy, Illinois, informs us they are having good sleighing there, something quite unusual for that place.

Marcia E. Ridlon, a teacher in one of the public schools in Portland, is spending her holiday vacation at her mother's residence in Kezar Falls.

Roscoe G. Heard of Glen Elder, Kansas, is expected at Porter village the last of January to close his business there and settle up his accounts previous to a permanent settlement in the west.

We received a call from our old friends, Gilman A. Norton and Warren Libby a few days ago. Mr. L. is in poor health, is suffering from a nervous trouble. He is under the treatment of a celebrated physician of Boston, Mass., from whom we hope he will gain permanent relief. He is one of our best townsmen and we could ill afford to lose him.

Jennie Moody is somewhat better. Your correspondent is also slowly gaining. She has laid aside one crutch already and is in hopes to dispense with the other one before very long. S. L. H.

The mercury has averaged about four degrees below zero the past week. The roads are excellent and the lumbermen are taking advantage of them, there being no less than five large teams conveying lumber to the landing a few rods from here.

The lodge of the I. O. G. T. organized here a few days ago by Mr. Dow, is in a prosperous condition. It holds its regular meetings at the residence of Samuel Stanley.

O. F. Wiggin of this place, whose health has been in a critical condition for some time past, is now gaining slowly and it is hoped that he will entirely recovered.

Ivory Towle came very near being killed while engaged in falling trees by a limb flying from the one upon which he was at work. He reports that the limb was nearly four inches in diameter and six feet in length, and was thrown with such force as to drive itself into the frozen ground from four to six inches. It struck him on the wrist, laming it badly.

John Rice while coming down Blazos' Hill with a load of logs Wednesday of last week, came very near meeting with a severe accident, by having his bridle chain break while on the steepest part of the hill, nearly throwing both of his horses completely down; but fortunately they were not and he miraculously went down all right.

We think those boys of the village, who have recently interested themselves by coasting in the highway, ought to be cautioned against indulging in such a careless practice. We like for the boys to have a good time, but for their safty and that of others also, we think it would be advisable for them to choose a less conspicuous place.

After the most exhaustive practical tests in hospitals and elsewhere the gold medal and certificate of highest meric were awarded to St. Jacob's, Oil as best pain curing remedy, at the Calcutta International exhibition.

Read the Red Acorn serial story.

BETHEL.

Rev. C. A. Hayden of Auburn, will deliver a lecture at the Universalist church, at 7 o'clock on the evening of Friday, the 14th inst.

A live buck deer is for sale at Major Hastings, price $25.

Judge Foster and family have gone to Saco, where he is to hold court for the next four weeks, after which he will preside at Paris Court in five weeks from last Tuesday.

Mrs. Harvey Bennett attempted suicide last week by hanging but was discovered while adjusting the rope in an out house. After being conducted to the house she grasped a sharp knife and cut an ugly gash in her throat.

A guessing chance of the number of seeds a squash contained culminated at the post-office last week for the ownership of a very nice music box, which fell to the lot of Katie Locke, she guessing 357, the true number being 356.

Nellie F. Gibson, who has been attending the Boston Oratory school, came home and spent two weeks vacation.

A. T. Rowe of Boston, has purchased the Abner West stand on Broad street and will fit it up for a summer residence.

Hon. David Hammons has contracted to put in 200,000 pine this winter from his Merrill lot, to be sawed out at the chair factory.

A singing school is now in progress at the vestry, taught by Deacon E. P. Grover of West Bethel.

C. H. Hobbs has sold his photograph saloon and business on High street to L. W. Curtis & Co. of Boston.

Back numbers of the Red Acorn story furnished to new subscribers. Read it.

LIMINGTON.

We have had another changeable week. Thursday it was 8 below in the morning and at zero at noon; Friday was a cold, disagreeable day but on Saturday it rained and as it was New Year we began to think of civil service reform and old J. F. must resign or be removed.

I have been a constant reader of the ADVERTISER for a number of weeks and been willing to give credit to all that has been said about the butter made from one cow in Lovell, also the boot heel in Otisfield, two woodchucks at one shot by S. F. Irish of East Peru, and the spelling of the Spanish name by S. L. H., but when I got to the story of L. Jones of East Peru throwing an ax 33 feet and splitting a partridge from stem to stern, I called a halt and for once threw up the sponge. I do not wish to discredit what a correspondent writes for the ADVERTISER but would ask if he did not make a mistake by getting two stories mixed. I do not doubt the throwing the ax or of the death of the partridge but the distance looked so great I was in hopes he made a mistake and called it two rods when it was only one and thus help me out of the dilemma. I will wait patiently for a reply.

Edmund Boody got thrown from his sleigh while driving out of C. E. Dinmock's horse shed a few evenings ago and got badly hurt. He was unable to get on to his feet alone and was helped into the store and medical aid was called. He was taken home and has since been confined to the house and most of the time to his bed. No bones were broken.

Children troubled with worms suffer everything. R. E. Jones, Edington, Me., writes, "There is nothing equal to Bell's Sarsaparilla for children troubled with worms." It will cleanse their stomachs and give them both health and strength. Only fifty cents per bottle.

Eggs are 25 cts. per dozen; potatoes 60 cts per bushel; boneless ham 15 cents; Rio coffee 25 cents; apples $2 per bbl.; price per day from 75 cts. to $1.25 for labor. L.

Invite your neighbor and your absent friends when you write to them, to take the Advertiser, and keep posted on the local news of Oxford County.

ROXBURY.

Bradford Knapp has bargained his farm to Frank Richmond of Byron. He does not take possession till spring.

Mary Bond of Lewiston, is in this vicinity holding religious meetings with good success.

John Reed is hauling spruce for the proposed bridge across Swift river near Kimball's mill in Mexico.

Foxes are plenty. We witnessed the shooting of one recently by Cyrus Gammon of Canton, who is here hunting. S.

RILEY PLANTATION.

Riley Plantation is a lively place this winter. A. T. Kelliher has about 50 men and 24 oxen yarding spruce, and 20 heavy horses drawing it to the landing. He has put nearly a million spruce into the river already. One day last week Mr. Kelliher went to his camp and found a ten gallon keg of cider resting quietly behind the cook stove. Without words he rolled it out of the door and with a blow of an axe mingled the contents of the keg with the snow.

There are a few deer on the mountain sides and some trout in the pond, but S. N. Littlehale the fish and game warden, keeps his eye peeled so that it would be almost impossible to get one if we were so disposed.

You should not fail to read the new serial story "Red Acorn." It is an interesting picture of army life that cannot fail to please and instruct. Back numbers of the story can be furnished to all new subscribers.

BUCKFIELD.

Thirty-two below zero Tuesday morning at half past six.

One morning last week Gilbert Barrett came to the village as well as usual and towards noon he bought a piece of meat and started for home. He got about half way there when he was taken dizzy as he says and his meat fell from his hand and he went round and round, finally came to himself and tried to pick up his meat but could not. Some small children saw him and picked up his bundle and handed it to him but he could not hold on to it. A team came along and carried him home. A physician was called but he is in a bad condition. He has the typhoid fever and it is doubtful if he is ever any better. H.

Rachel Bond is the lady of many graces and accomplishments in "The Red Acorn" commenced in last issue of the ADVERTISER. Back numbers supplied.

WELCHVILLE.

The Knights of Labor have their Ball on Friday evening of this week, if fair. If the weather is stormy it is to be put off one week.

Chas. Bryant has contracted to haul S. E. Ring's wood from the Crosby lot to this place.

A gentleman from Auburn writes us as follows, and with it sends the pay to emphasize the pleasant words. This always makes the editor smile:

"Please send me the ADVERTSER. I will not undertake to tell you how much I have missed it since I stopped it last fall. I advise all who do not take it to do so. The coldest in Auburn this morning in one place it was 24 below zero, but it did not stop our Sleighing Carnival. It was a big show, a long line and a big variety in hitchups."

No, certainly we don't object. You have a right to do as you like with your property. It is an act of kindness to lend so good a paper as the ADVERTISER to your less fortunate neighbors, but this applies only to those who own their paper. It isn't courteous or right to lend borrowed goods. Examine the address label on the ADVERTISER and see if the paper is yours or ours.

Thanks!

With the close of the Holiday season I extend thanks to the public for their most generous patronage, although my stay with you has been short, and trust in giving you honest goods have merited continuance of same.

During holiday rush there has been much watch work which was impossible to get out as promised, but if you will bear with me a few days will be up with same.

Many having watch work, etc., have been obliged to turn away for want of time. To those will say, call again for in a few days will be situated so can get your work out promptly and satisfaction guaranteed. Again thanking you I am,

VIVIAN W. HILLS,
The New Jeweler, Norway, Me.

Norway Municipal Court.

January Term, 1887.

C. F. WHITMAN, JUDGE.

No. 83. C. G. Knight vs. L. L. Howard. Dec. Term 1886. Insolvency of Deft. suggested. Continued.
C. E. Holt. Bearce & Stearns.

No. 87. S. C. McAllister vs. Geo. Larrabee and A. T. Kelly Tr. Notice as before.
Bearce & Stearns.

No. 88. Nelson F. Judkins vs. Dan'l G. Walker. Continued by agreement to Jan. 11, '87, for trial.
A. S. Kimball. H. C. Davis.

No. 89. Henry A. Bickford vs. Oscar E. Brownson. Trial. Judgment for Plff. for $7.11.
Bearce & Stearns. C. E. Holt.

No. 92. Villa J. Flood vs. John N. Watson. Continued.
Bearce & Stearns. Geo. Hazen.

No. 93. B. F. Bradbury vs. Charles J. Felt and Henry N. Cummings Tr. Continued by agreement to Jan. 11, '87, for trial.
Bearce & Stearns. H. C. Davis.

No. 96. Wm. C. Cole vs. Frank Crockett Continued.
C. E. Holt. Bearce & Stearns.

No. 98. David Hammons Admr. vs. Oscar I. Pitts. Defaulted.
A. S. Kimball. C. E. Holt.

No. 99. Dan'l G. Walker vs. Nelson F. Judkins. Continued by agreement to Jan. 11, '87, for trial.
H. C. Davis. A. S. Kimball.

No. 100. Charles E. Thayer et al. vs. Anthony LeFarrier and Sam'l F. Briggs Tr. Trustee to disclose next term as of first by agreement. Defendant offers to be defaulted for $5.00. Acct. in set off filed. Continued.
G. A. Wilson. C. E. Holt for LeFarrier.

No. 101. Albion R. Bucknam vs. Olivia G. Hall. Defaulted.
C. B. Benson. Bearce & Stearns.

No. 102. Sam'l L. Boardman et al. vs. J. J. McAllister. Defaulted.
F. O. Purrington.

No. 103. Michael M. O'Connor vs. Elbridge G. Bridgham. Continued.
H. Upton. Bearce & Stearns.

No. 104. Sam'l S. Willard vs. Noah H. Palmer. Continued.
A. S. Kimball. Bearce & Stearns.

No. 105. Clark G. Bovee vs. Caleb Hazeltine. Defaulted.
A. S. Kimball.

No. 106. William H. Smith et al. vs. John M. Jewett. Continued.
C. E. Holt.

No. 107. Theodore L. Webb et al. vs. Wm. S. Pingree et al. Continued.
Bearce & Stearns. C. E. Holt.

No. 108. David Stearns vs. Silas A. Stearns. Defaulted.
Bearce & Stearns.

The Oxford County Poultry Show.

The following are the awards and scores made by the expert judge at the Oxford County Poultry Exhibition:

LIGHT BRAHMAS.

Charles Bailey, Auburn, 1st. Score, 88—88¾.
E. C. Hanscomb, Oxford, 2d. 89—86¾.

FOWL.

I. N. Haskell, Auburn. Total score 178¼.

DARK BRAMAS—FOWL.

A. E. Shurtleff, South Paris, 1st. 84—86¼.

PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

I. N. Haskell, Auburn, 1st. 91¼—89¾.

CHICKS.

Dr. G. M. Twitchell, Readfield, 1st and 2d. Score, 92¾—94 and 92¼—89.

WHITE P. ROCKS.

Dr. G. M. Twitchell, Readfield, 1st and 2d.

BROWN LEGHORNS—FOWL AND CHICKS.

G. P. Tucker, South Paris, 1st and 2d on each. 8½—8¼—91¼ 87½—and 89¾ and 91¼.

WHITE LEGHORNS—CHICKS.

A. E. Shurtleff, South Paris, 1st and 2d. 88—82¼. 88—81¼.

BLACK BR. RED. GAMES.—FOWL AND CHICKS.

W. R. Howard, Portland, 1st each. 87—93—90¼—89¼.

SILVER DUCKWING GAMES.

W. R. Howard, Portland, 1st 88—88¼.

BRONZE TURKEYS—OLD AND YOUNG.

A. E. Shurtleff, South Paris, 1st each.
C. A. Bailey, Auburn, 2d.

PEKIN DUCKS.

B. Bacon, Norway, 1st old.
A. E. Shurtleff, South Paris, 1st young.

TOUEOUSE GEESE—OLD AND YOUNG.

A. E. Shurtleff, 1st and 2d.

ROSE COMB WHITE LEGHORNS—CHICKS.

I. N. Haskell, Auburn, 1st. 87—88.
Charles V. Penney, Mechanic Falls, 2d. 87—87.

WYANDOTTES.

Fowl—L. T. Millett, 2d. 86—83.

Chicks—S. P. Robie, Auburn, 1st and 2d. Total score, 176—175¼.

The larger portions of the specials were won by Dr. Twitchell on his fine display of Plymouth Rocks and white Plymouth Rocks, one of his pullets scoring higher than any bird in the show.

The following awares were made on dogs at the kennel show:

COLLIES.

I. V. McKenney, 1st on old and young. 2d on female.

GORDON SETTERS.

C. A. Bailey, Auburn, 1st.

ENGLISH BEAGLE.

South Paris Beagle Club, two 1st and two 2d.

ENGLISH SETTERS.

E. W. Dutton, West Paris, 1st.
W. M. Shaw, South Paris, 2d.

NATIVE FOX HOUND.

A. M. Gerry, South Paris, 1st.
John L. Tubbs, South Paris, 2d.
A. M. Dunham, 2d.

FIELD SPANIEL.

H. L. Swift, Norway, 1st.
E. B. Dean, South Paris, 2d.

ITALIAN GRAYHOUND.

J. A. Kenney, South Paris, 2d.

BLACK AND TAN TERRIERS.

C. Leonard Stone, South Paris, 2d.

BULL DOG.

Con. Bailey, 2d.

BULL TERRIER.

L. W. Jackson, 2d.

ENGLISH MASTIFFS.

W. M. Shaw, South Paris, 1st and 2d.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

Those who have not as yet availed themselves of our "special offer" recently mailed them are requested to do so at once. Don't fail.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Wanted to ascertain the present post-office address of:
Walter L. Brown, formerly South Paris.
Henry J. Hamlin, formerly Brunswick.
E. E. Bowker, formerly Eastport, Me.
A. S. Tebbetts, formerly Auburn, Me.
D. M. Rowe, formerly Auburn, Me.
W. K. Reed, formerly Norway, Me.
Albion Crooker, formerly Me. Falls.
E. F. Lasselle, formerly Newton, Mass.
Chas. Etter, formerly Norway, Me.

Information as to the present post-office address of any of the above will be thankfully received at this office.

All the local news and a good serial story in the ADVERTISER. Read "Red Acorn."

Should any of our readers have some money to invest they will do well to investigate the ad of F. P. Dean of Soux City, Iowa.

Stowell, the South Paris clothier, says something to you. He invites you to call in and try on some of his ready made clothing. He keeps a good stock and will use you well.

The local newspaper is the most useful of all the agencies which stamp the empress of progress upon villages and inland cities. Without the aid of the local newspaper, towns are, as a rule, thriftless and dead.

The January number of *Our Little Ones and the Nursery* is truly a Holiday Number. This magazine is the best present of all to give the little folks in the primary school. It will be something interesting and intertaining throughout the year.

"Red Acorn" is pronounced by good judges to be the best army story ever written by John McElroy, the author of "Andersonville." The story commenced in the ADVERTISER Dec. 31. Back numbers supplied.

The Americanism of *The Century* is exhibited in the make up of the January number. Except a short communication it is wholly written by Americans. Its subjects are for the most part American and chiefly those of close and present interest to our people, such as Lincoln and the life of the West in the last generation; the great Civil War; our material standing in comparison with other nations; the Labor question; the Prohibition movement; the need of a National Copyright, etc., etc. Where the *subjects* are not American, as in the papers on the French sculptors and the French actor, Coquelin, they are closely related to our art life by the excellence of the artists considered; and the writers are well known American critics.

[Written for the Advertiser.]

Norway Village in the Forties. No. 11.

On the place now occupied by A. T. Rowe's house, early in the Forties there stood a small one-story shop with end to the street and over the door the sign, "Hat Manufactory." This was the place of business of Daniel Young who then owned and lived in the house on the height of land just east of the little shop. In my youthful trips through the village in those days I always had an anxiety to see the inside of that mysterious place, and witness the wonderful process as I supposed of making hats. But I never mustered up a sufficient amount of courage to enter the door before the building disappeared. I do not know in what year the building was removed, but my impression is quite strong that it was before the commencement of the N. L. I.

Daniel Young, as before stated, was the hatter and lived in the house just east of the shop. Rodolphus Young, so well known in Norway, who died a little over a year ago, was his son and was a chum of the writer during more than one term of the N. L. I. During the fall term of '48 I boarded at home, quite a distance from the village; and one lyceum evening Rodolphus invited me to remain and take tea with him. He also invited several other students who were to take part in the exercises of the evening. His good mother, thinking perhaps, that discretion might be the better part of valor, spread the table before our arrival with a generous repast and went to visit a neighbor. Of course we boys had the house to ourselves, and the probabilities are that we improved our opportunity to the best of our ability. And if my recollection serves me, our abilities in that direction were of a high order. We first p epared for the evening by rehearsing our several parts, with our chums as critics and judges. This done there followed the supper.

It was a well laid table, generous in supplies and set with neatness and propriety, but the "Old Harry" had got into us I suppose, for I can in no other way account for the breach of decorum we were led to commit. After eating a sufficiency, the thought occurred to continue eating so long as anything eatable remained upon the table. The idea had no sooner entered our heads than we resolved unanamously to put it into practice. And like a set of precious scamps as we were, we continued to eat and eat, until all the bread and cold meat had disappeared, until the cheese and butter plates were empty, the tea pot was dry, the sugar was gone and the last vestage of everything eatable or drinkable had vanished from the table.

My recollection as to results during the evening and following night are very vivid. More than one of us, even before our parts were said in the exercises of the evening had a strange longing for rest and quiet, and great desire for a bed or lounge and for repose thereon. But all things earthly have an end and so did the pains and penalties of that students' spree.

Some two or three years ago, I was asking Rodolphus, my large-hearted, food-natured friend, what he remembered of the supper, and he started off instantly to tell me of many little iscidents that occurred at that time which had entirely escaped my memory. It had seemed to me for many years before his death that my friend could not quite get used to the ways of the world, that his Ideas of this life were too meagre for him to make a successful fight in it, that he was often surprised at the way things resulted, and at last, quite discouraged, gave up the fight and passed on and over the river to the better land beyond. And yet there was too much grace in his nature to show discontent or find fault with the world in which it was his lot to live. With a brave heart and a conscience void of guilt, he met the buffets of life and performed his part in the great drama with resolute courage.

We had met in Sabbath school in the little Baptist meeting house, opposite the Universalist church, years before our school days began. There under the preaching of Elder Milner and the instruction of his father, we learned the stories of the Old Testament, and the wonderful lessons of the New; but in after years we never ceased to wonder, as we compared notes and learned whither the thoughts of each were drifting, at many of the things that we had heard and treasured up as truths, while sitting in the high backed pews of the little church.

I would give much to know to-day, what I believe he knows concerning all those things that puzzled our youthful heads and troubled our later years—those things that have occupied the thoughts of the wisest of the world's people, and around which center so fully our hopes and expectations concerning the days beyond the setting sun.

Read the new story. John Pancake was made Lieut. for his "natural bravery during the din of battle. Back numbers supplied.

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BIRTHS.

... Dec., to the wife of Moses Smart, a son.

In Gilead, Jan. 3, to the wife of Arthur Robertson, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

In Norway, Jan., Willard A. Channell and Alice G. Dwinell, both of Norway.

In Norway, Jan. 1, by Rev. C. E. Angell, Levi F. Richardson and H. Jennie Crosby, both of Norway.

In Gorham, N. H., Jan. 2, by Rev. Mr. Pratt, Newell A Trafton of Norway and Hattie E. Libby of Portland.

In Norway, Jan. 1, by Rev. Alex. Wiswall, Chas. F. Stanton of Oxford and Hattie F. Gibbs of Norway.

In Rumford, Dec. 22, Virgil P. Adamson of Bethel and Lilla M. Magill of Newry.

In Bethel, Jan. 2, by Rev. D. W. Hardy, Clark B. Frost, esq., and Emily P. Holt, both of Hanover.

In Porter, Dec. 27, by Rev. A. G. Davis, Jacob A. Champion of Conway, and Rose E. Fox of Porter.

In Peru, by Rev. S. S. Wyman, Geo. L. Burgess of Peru, and Georgia J. Farrar of Woodstock. Also Elmer E. Howe of Hanover, and Nettie L. Dunn of Bethel.

In Gilead, December 30, by Rev. A. R. Sylvester, Banister N. Chapman of Bethel and Vesta Wight of Gilead.

In West Bethel, Jan. 4, John Cobb and Eliza Lowell.

DEATHS.

In Norway, Dec. 28, Albert Stiles.

In East Bethel, Jan. 1, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Howe, aged 3 weeks.

In South Lake Weir, Fla., Mrs. Lorana S., wife of Dr. N. D. Faunce, formerly of North Waterford.

In Greenwood, Dec. 17, Horace, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Paine, aged 9 months.

In South Woodstock, Dec., Joseph Davis, aged 80 years.

In Philadelphia, Pa., Dec., Isaac L. Kezar, formerly of Porter.

In Frye, Dec. 25, Joseph Roberts.

In Porter, Dec. 24, Frank C. Ayer, aged 27 years.

In Paris, Dec. 19, Ida V., wife of C. K. Clifford, aged 32 years.

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Medical Department.

EDITED BY G. W. BROWN, M. D.

Hygiene.

"Civilization has its evils as well as its advantages," and one of the greatest of them is the concentration of people in the great centres of population, with the misery, immorality, and disease, which are the outcome of it. Better constructed houses for the working classes, plenty of good water, satisfactory sewerage arrangements, will provide the means of amelioration in this respect; and we may well add a wider teaching among those classes, of such an education as shall lead them to appreciate the means used for their benefit, and to lend a helping hand for the furtherance of those means; for from its very nature hygiene should interest all classes of society; but it is to the poorest and least favored of fortune that it must direct its first attention. The time is approaching with rapid strides which was looked forward to by the great exponent of hygiene, Dr. Edward Parker, when he wrote: "Let us hope that matters of such great moment may not always be considered as of less importance than the languages of extinct nations, or the unimportant facts of a dead history."

What Is Homœopothy?

Nothing can be done by the physician so honest or so useful as to escape the censure of the envious.

Among the many important "topics of the day," none having reference to this life only, can possess higher claims to calm inquiry and earnest attention than the various resources which are available to mankind, when suffering from bodily disease—a trial which few, if any, at all times escape.

In the present age of discovery and invention it would be remarkable if, while all around are sailing onward, the physician alone was becalmed; while every branch of art and science is progressively and rapidly improving, the resources of medicine remained stationary. But this has not happened, the onward wave has reached the healer's barque, and he also is afloat upon the mighty waters of natural science.

There are indeed many who would stoutly stand upon the "old paths," but in this case we have no inspired prophets and apostles, as happily we have in an affair of higher moment, upon whom to rest as upon a firm foundation. The *opinions* of mere men, however venerable by age, are but a sandy base. The people of the present times are not given to echo the sentiments of a master. Nature's laws and nature's facts alone are able to stand the rigid scrutiny to which the sentiments of men, in physical science, are now so unreservedly exposed.

Some men's minds, under such an apparently unsettled and disorderly state of things, become sceptical and faithless. This arises from indolence; they will not give themselves the necessary trouble to investigate, and thus they throw truth and falsehood overboard together, and vainly try to rest upon a negative. But to the more active and industrious mind the same condition is stimulative to exertion. Truth is sought after with earnestness, and when found, is embraced with satisfaction and delight.

Among the medical inquiries of the day Homœopothy, in the judgment of many, is the most important which has yet appeared, while in the opinion of many more it is "the biggest humbug that ever was!" It is proposed to consider, in a few words, what Homœopothy is not, and what it really is.

To be continued.

STOW.

The singing school began on Thursday evening under the instruction of Prof. J. S. W. Preston, of Brownfield. There were present about sixteen but it is expected there will be a goodly number.

Mrs. C. F. Lufkin entertained the M. E. circle on Thursday.

Chas. Bickford and wife accompanied by Moses Bickford are visiting relatives in Farmington, N. H.

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Bids expectation rise.
Hope, like the gleaming taper's light,
Adorns and cheers the way,
And still as darker grows the night,
Emits a brighter ray.—[Oliver Goldsmith.

The New Way.

The wretch condemned with life to part,
Does not on hope rely,
He acts in vain the idiot's part
And feigns insanity.
Then of proceedings in the case
The lawyers get a stay;
Thus murderers live to plague the race,
And kill some other day.

THE RED ACORN.

BY JOHN M'ELROY,
Author of "Andersonville," Etc.

CHAPTER III.

A RACE.

The unexpected volley probably disturbed Private Joseph Pancake's mind more than that of any other man in the regiment. It produced there an effect akin to the sensation of a nauseous emetic in his stomach.

He had long enjoyed the enviable distinction of being the "best man" among the combative youths of Sardis, and his zeal and invariable success in the fistic tournaments which form so large a part of the interest in life of a certain class of young men in villages had led his townsmen to entertain extravagant hopes as to his achievements in the field.

But, like most of his class, his courage was purely physical, and a low order of that type. He was bold in those encounters where he knew that his superior strength and agility rendered small the chances of his receiving any serious bodily harm, but of that high pride and mounting spirit which lead to soldierly deeds he had none.

The sight of the dying men on either side shriveled his heart with a deadly panic.

"Oh, Kent," he groaned, "lemme go, and let's git out o' here. This's just awful, and it'll be ten times wuss in another minnit. Let's git behind that big rock there as quick as the Lord'll let us."

He turned to pull away from Kent's detaining hand, when he heard Capt. Bennett's order to the regiment to charge, and the hand relaxed its hold. Joe faced to the front again and saw Kent and Abe Bolton and the rest of the boys rush forward, leaving him and a score of other weak-kneed irresolutes standing alone behind.

Again he thought he would seek the refuge of the rock, but at that moment the Union line swept up to the Confederates, scattering them as a wave does dry sand.

Joe's mental motions were reasonably rapid. Now he was not long in realizing that all the danger was past, and that he had an opportunity of gaining credit cheaply. He acted promptly. Fixing his bayonet, he gave a fearful yell and started forward on a run for the position which the regiment had gained.

He was soon in the lead of the pursuers, and appeared, by his later zeal, to be making amends for his earlier tardiness. As he ran ahead he shouted savagely:

"Run down the hellions! Shoot 'em! Stab 'em! Bay'net 'em! Don't let one of 'em get away."

There is an excitement in a man chase that is not even approached by any other kind of hunting, and Joe soon became fairly intoxicated with it.

He quickly overtook one or two of the slower-paced Confederates who surrendered quietly and were handed by him over to the other boys as they came up, and conducted by them to the rear.

Becoming more excited he sped on, entirely unmindful how far he was outstripping his comrades.

A hundred yards ahead of him was a tall, gaunt Virginian, clad in butternut colored jeans of queer cut and pattern, and a great bell-crowned hat of rough, gray beaver. Though his gait was shambling, and his huge splay feet rose and fell in the most awkward way, he went over the ground with a swiftness that made it rather doubtful whether Joe was gaining on him at all. But the latter was encouraged by the signs of his chase's distress. First the bell-crowned hat flew off and rolled behind, and Joe could not resist the temptation to give it a kick which sent it spinning into a clump of honeysuckles. Then the Confederate flung off a haversack, whose flapping interfered with his speed, and this was followed by a clumsily constructed cedar canteen. Next followed the fugitive's belt, loaded down with an antique cartridge box, a savage knife made from a rasp and handled with buckhorn, and a fierce looking horse pistol with a flint lock.

"I seemed to be bustin' up a musyum o' revolutionary relics," said Joe afterward, in describing the incident. "The feller dropped keepsakes from his forefathers like a bird moltin' its feathers on a windy day. I begun to think that if I kep up the chase purty soon he'd begin to shed Continental money and knee breeches."

The fugitive turned off to the right into a narrow path that wound through the laurel thickets. Joe followed with all the energy that remained in him, confident that a short distance more would bring him so close to his game that he could force his surrender by a threat of bayoneting. He caught up to within a rod of the Confederate, and was already forshortening his gun for a lunge in case of refusal to surrender on demand, when he was amazed to see the Confederate whirl around, level his gun at him, and order his surrender. Joe was so astonished that he stumbled, fell forward and dropped his gun. As he raised his eyes he saw three or four other Confederates step out from behind a rock, and level their guns upon him with an expression of bloodthirstiness that seemed simply fiendish.

Then it flashed upon him how far away he was from all his comrades, and that the labyrinth of laurel made them even much more remote. With this realization come the involuntary groan:

"O, Lordy! it's all up with me. I am a goner, sure!"

His courage did not ooze out of his fingers, like the historic Bob Acres'; it vanished like gas from a rent balloon. He clasped his hands and tried to think of some prayer.

"Now I lay me," he murmured.

"Shan't we shoot the varmint?" said one of the Confederates, with a motion of his gun in harmony with that idea.

"O, mister—mister—good mister, don't! Please don't! I swear I didn't mean to do no harm to you."

"Wall, ye acted mouty quare for a man that didn't mean no harm," said the pursued man, regaining his breath with some difficulty. "A-chasin' me down with thet ar prod on yer gun, an' a threatenin' to stick it inter me at every jump. Only wanted ter see me run, did yer?"

"O, mister, I only done it because I wuz ordered to. I couldn't help myself; I swear I couldn't."

"Whar's the ossifers thet wuz a-orderin' ye? Whar's the captins that wuz puttin' ye up ter hit? Thar wan't no one in a mile of ye. Guess we'd better shoot ye."

Again Joe raised his voice in abject appeal for mercy. There was nothing he was not willing to promise if his life were only spared.

"Wouldn't hit be better ter bay'net him?" suggested one of the Confederates, entirely unmoved, as his comrades were, by Joe's piteous pleadings. "Ef we go ter shootin' 'round yere hit'll likely bring the Yankees right onter us."

"I 'spect hit would be better ter take him back a little ways, any way," said the man whom Joe had pursued. "Pick up his gun thar, Eph. Come along, you, an' be mouty peart about hit, fur we're in a powerful bad frame o' mind ter be fooled with. I wouldn't gin a fi'-penny-bit fur all yer blue-bellied life's worth. The boys ar jest pizen mad from seein' so many o' thar kin and folks killed by yer crowd o' thievin' Hessians."

Grateful for even a momentary respite, Joe rose from his knees with alacrity and humbly followed one of the Confederates along the path. The others strode behind, and occasionally spurred him into a more rapid pace with a prick from their bayonets.

"O——ough, mister, don't do that! Don't, please! You don't know how it hurts. I ain't got no rhinoceros skin to stand such jabs as that. That come purty nigh goin' clean through to my heart."

"Skeet ahead faster, then, or the next punch'll go right smack through ye, fur sartin. Ef yer skin's so tender, what are ye doin' in the army?"

They climbed the mountain laboriously, and started down on the other side. About midway in the descent they came upon a deserted cabin standing near the side of the road.

"By the Lord Harry," said one of the Confederates, "I'm a'most done clean gin out, so I am. I'm tireder nor a claybank hoss arter a hard day's plowin', an' I'm ez dry ez a lime kiln. I motion that we stop yere an' take a rest. We kin put our Yank in the house thar and keep him. I wonder whar the spring is thet the folks thet lived yere got thar water from?"

Leaving one of the men to guard the prisoner, the rest of the Confederates started for the hollow in search of water to cool their burning thirst.

They had gained such a distance from the scene of the fight, and were in such an out-of-the-way place, that the thought of being overtaken did not obtrude itself for an instant, either upon their minds or Joe's.

But as they came back up the hill, with a gourd full of spring water for their companion, they were amazed to see a party of bluecoats appear around the bend of the road at a little distance. They dropped the gourd of water, and yelled to the man on guard:

"Kill the Yank, an' run for yer life!" and disappeared themselves in the direction of the spring.

The guard comprehended the situation and the order. He fired his gun at Joe, but with such nervous haste as to destroy the aim and send the charge into the puncheon a foot beyond his intended victim, and then ran off with all speed to join his companions. The Union boys sent a few dropping shots after him, all of which missed their mark.

Joe managed to recover his nerves and wits sufficiently to stagger to the door as his comrades came up, and grasp one of the guns the Confederates had left.

Questions and congratulations were showered upon him, but he replied incoherently, and gasped a request for water, as if he were perishing from thirst. While some hunted for this, others sought for traces of the Confederates; so he gained time to fix up a fairly presentable story of a desperate and long-continued bayonet struggle in which he was behaving with the greatest gallantry, although nearly hopeless of success, when the arrival of help changed the aspect of matters. He had so many gaping wounds to confirm the truth of his story that it was implicitly believed, and he was taken back to camp as one of the foremost heroes of that eventful day. The colonel made him a sergeant as soon as he heard the tale, and regretted much that he could not imitate the example of the great Napoleon and raise him to a commission on the scene of his valiant exploits. His cot at the hospital was daily visited by numbers of admiring comrades, to whom he repeated his glowing account of the fight, with marked improvements in manner and detail accompanying every repetition.

He had no desire to leave the hospital during his term of service, but his hurts were all superficial and healed rapidly, so that in a fortnight's time the surgeon pronounced him fit to return to duty. He cursed inwardly that officer's zeal in keeping the ranks as full as possible, and went back to his company to find it preparing to go into another fight.

"Hello, Joe," said his comrades, "awful glad to see you back. Now you'll have a chance to get your revenge on those fellows. There'll be enough of us with you to see that you get a fair fight."

"To the devil with their revenge and a fair fight!" said Joe to himself. That evening he strolled around to the headquarters tent, and said to the commander of the regiment:

"Colonel, the doctor seems to think that I'm fit to return to duty, but I don't feel all right yet. I've a numbness in my legs, so that I kin hardly walk sometimes. It's my old rheumatics, stirred up by sleeping out in the night air. I hear that the man who's been drivin' the headquarters wagon has had to go to the hospital. I want to be at something, even if I can't do duty in the ranks, and I'd like to take his place till him and me gets well."

"All right, sergeant. You can have the place as long as you wish, or any other that I can give you. I can't do too much for so brave a man."

So it happened that in the next fight the regiment was not gratified by any thrilling episodes of sanguinary, single handed combats between the indomitable Joe and bloodthirsty Confederates.

He had deferred his "revenge" indefinitely.

CHAPTER IV.

DISGRACE.

Harry Glen's perfect self-complacency did not molt a feather when the victors returned to camp flushed with their triumph, which, in the eyes of those inexperienced three-months' men, had the dimensions of a Waterloo. He did not know that in proportion as they magnified their own exploit, so was the depth of their contempt felt for those of their comrades who had declined to share the perils and the honors of the expedition with them. He was too thoroughly satisfied with himself and his motives to even imagine that any one could have just cause for complaint at anything he chose to do.

This kept him from understanding or appreciating the force of the biting innuendoes and sarcasms which were made to his very face; and he had stood so aloof from all that there was nobody who cared to take the friendly trouble of telling him how free the camp conversation was making with his reputation.

He could not help, however, understanding that in some way he had lost caste with the regiment; but he serenely attributed this to mean-spirited jealousy of the superior advantages he was enjoying, and it only made him more anxious for the coming of the time when he could "cut the whole mob of beggars," as Ned Burnleigh phrased it.

A few days more would end the regiment's term of service, and he readily obtained permission to return home in advance.

The first real blow his confidence received was when he walked down the one principal street of Sardis, and was forced to a perception of the fact that there was an absence of that effusive warmth with which the Sardis people had ever before welcomed back their young townsman, of whose good looks and gentlemanliness they had always been proud. Now people looked at him in a curious way. They turned to whisper to each other, with sarcastic smiles and knowing winks, as he came into view, and they did not come forward to offer him their hands as of old. It astonished him that nobody alluded to the company or to anything that had happened to it.

Turning at length from the main street, he entered the lateral one leading to his home. As he did so, he heard one boy call out to another, in that piercing treble which boys employ in making their confidential communications to one another, across a street:

"S-a-y, did you know that Hank Glen'd got back? And they say he looks pale yet?"

"Has he?" the reply came in high falsetto, palpably tinged with that fine scorn of a healthy boy for anything which does not exactly square with his young highness' ideas. "Come back to his mammy, eh? Well, it's a pity she ever let him go away from her. Hope she'll keep him with her now. He don't seem to do well out of reach of her apron strings."

The whole truth flashed upon him. Envious ones had slandered him at home as a coward.

He walked onward in a flurry of rage. The thought that he had done anything to deserve criticism could not obtrude itself between the joints of his triple-plated armor of self-esteem.

A swelling contempt for his village critics flushed his heart.

"Spiteful, little-minded, country boobies," he said to himself, with an impatient shake of his head, as if to adjust his hair, which was his usual sign of excitement; "they've always hated me because I was above them. They take advantage of the least opportunity to show their mean jealousy."

After a moment's pause: "But I don't care. I'd a little rather have their dislike than their good will. It'll save me a lot of trouble in being polite to a lot of curs that I despise. I'm going to leave this dull little burg anyhow, as soon as I can get away. I'm going to Cincinnati, and be with Ned Burnleigh. There's more life there in a day than here in a year. After all there's nobody here that I care anything for, except father and mother—and—Rachel."

A new train of thought introduced itself at this tardy remembrance of his betrothed. His heat abated. He stopped, and leaning against a shady silver maple began anew a meditation that had occupied his mind very frequently since that memorable night under the old apple tree on the hill top.

There had been for him but little of that spiritual exaltation which made that night the one supreme one in Rachel's existence; when the rapture of gratified pride and love blended with the radiant moonlight and the subtle fragrance of the flowers into a sweet symphony that would well chord with the song the stars sang together in the morning.

He was denied the intense pleasure that comes from success, after harrowing doubts and fears. His unfailing consciousness of his own worth had left him little doubt that a favorable answer would promptly follow when he chose to propose to Rachel Bond, or to another girl, and when this came with the anticipated readiness, he could not help in the midst of his gratification at her assent the in-pera[illegible] his personal [illegible] there would appear [illegible] of weather of whom he might prefer to Rachel; [illegible] all events there was no necessity for his committing himself when he did, for Rachel "would have kept," as Ned Burnleigh coarsely put it, when made the recipient of Harry's confidence.

Three months of companionship with Ned Burnleigh, and daily imbibition of that young man's stories of his wonderful conquests among young women of peerless beauty and exalted social station confirmed this feeling, and led him to wish for at least such slackening of the betrothal tether as would permit excursions into a charmed realm like that where Ned reigned supreme.

For the thousandth time—and in each recurrence becoming a little clearer defined and more urgent—came the question:

"Shall I break with Rachel? How can I? And what possible excuse can I assign for it?"

There came no answer to this save the spurs with which base self-love was pricking the sides of his intent, and he recoiled from it—ashamed of himself, it is true, but less ashamed at each renewed consideration of the query.

He hastened home that he might receive a greeting that would efface the memory of the reception he had met with in the street. There, at least, he would be regarded as a hero, returning laurel-crowned from the conflict.

As he entered the door his father, tall, spare and iron-gray, laid down the paper he was reading and with a noticeable lowering of the temperature of his wonted calm but earnest cordiality, said simply:

"How do you do? When did you get in?"

"Very well, and on the 10:30 train."

"Did all your company come?"

Harry winced, for there was something in his father's manner, more than his words, expressive of strong disapproval. He answered:

"No; I was unwell. The water and the exposure disagreed with me, and I was allowed to come on in advance."

Mr. Glen, the elder, carefully folded the paper he was reading and laid it on the stand, as if its presence would embarrass him in what he was about to say. He took off his eyeglasses, wiped them deliberately, closed them up and hesitated for a moment, holding them between the thumb and forefinger of one hand, before placing them in their case, which he had taken from his pocket with the other.

These were all gestures with which experience had made Harry painfully familiar. He used to describe them to his boy intimates as "the governor clearing for action." There was something very disagreeable coming, and he awaited it apprehensively.

"Were you"—the father's cold, searching eyes rested for an instant on the glasses in his hand, and then were fixed on his son's face—"were you too ill the day of the fight to accompany your command?"

Harry's glance quailed under the penetrating scrutiny, as was his custom when his father subjected him to a relentless catechism; then he summoned assurance to his aid, and his face reddened with both genuine and assumed anger.

"Father," he said, "I certainly did not expect that you would join these mean-spirited curs in their abuse of me, but now I see that——"

"Henry, you evade the question." The calm eyes took on a steely hardness. "You certainly know by this time that I always require direct answers to my questions. Now the point is this: You entered this company to be its leader and to share all its duties with it. It went into a fight while you remained back in camp. Why was this so? Were you too sick to accompany it?"

"I certainly was not feeling well."

"Were you too ill to go along with your company?"

"Well—I—really—was—not—feeling—well,—and there—was—some—work—in—camp—that—needed—to—be—done—and there was enough without me—and—I—I——"



"Were you too ill the day of the fight?"

"That is sufficient," said the elder man with a look of scorn that presently changed into one of deeply wounded pride. "Henry, I know too well your disposition to shirk the unpleasant duties of life, to be much surprised that, when tried by this test, you were found wanting. But this wounds me deeply. People in Sardis think my disposition hard and exacting; they think I care for little except to get all that is due me. But no man here can say that in all his long life Robert Glen shirked or evaded a single duty that he owed to the community or his fellow men, no matter how dangerous or disagreeable that duty might be. To have you fail in this respect and to take and maintain your place in the front rank with other men is a terrible blow to my pride."

"Oh, Harry, is that you?" said his mother, coming into the room at that moment and throwing herself into her son's arms. "I was lying down when I heard your voice, and I dressed and hurried down as quickly as possible. I am so glad that you have come home all safe and well. I know that you'll contradict, for your poor mother's sake, all these horrible stories that are worrying her almost to death."

"Unfortunately he has just admitted that those stories are substantially true," said the father curtly.

"I won't believe it," sobbed his mother, "until he tells me so himself. You didn't, did you, back out of a fight, and let that Bob Bennett, whose mother used to be my sewing girl, and whom I supported for months after he was born, and his father died with the cholera and left her nothing, by giving her work and paying her cash, and who is now putting on all sorts of airs because everybody's congratulating her on having such a wonderful son, and nobody's congratulating me at all, and sometimes I almost wish I was dead."

Clearness of statement was never one of Mrs. Glen's salient characteristics. Nor did deep emotion help her in this regard. Still it was only too evident that the fountains of her being were moved by having another woman's son exalted over her own. Her maternal pride and social prestige were both quivering under the blow.

Harry met this with a flank movement.

"You both seem decidedly disappointed that I did not get myself wounded or killed," he said.

"That's an unmanly whimper," said his father, contemptuously.

"Why, Harry, Bob Bennett didn't get either killed or wounded," said his mother with that defective ratiocination which it is a pretty woman's privilege to indulge in at her own sweet will.

To be continued.

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Witness, F. W. SANBORN. JAMES H. GILE.
Stow, Me., Dec. 22, 1886. 52-1

Freedom Notice.

This is to certify that on and after this date I give my son, Almon S. Tyler, his time during his minority. I shall claim none of his earnings, or pay any debts of his contracting.

West Bethel, Me., Dec. 27, 1886. his JONATHAN X TYLER. mark.
Witness—S. W. POTTER. 53-2

The subscriber hereby gives public notice that she has been duly appointed by the Honorable Judge of Probate for the county of Oxford, and assumed the trust of Administratrix of the estate of

JOHN L. WOODSUM, late of Oxford,

in said county, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs; she therefore requests all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment, and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to

SARAH T. WOODSUM.
December 22, 1886. 53-2

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Fryeburg, within and for the County of Oxford, on the first Tuesday of December, A. D. 1886.

SETH W. FIFE, named Executor, in a certain Instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Martha Stickney, late of Fryeburg, in said county, deceased, having presented the same for Probate:

ORDERED, That the said Executor give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Advertiser, printed at Norway, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said county, on the third Tuesday of January next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the said Instrument should not be proved, approved and allowed as the last Will and Testament of said deceased.

53-2 GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.
A true Copy—Attest: H. C. DAVIS, Register.

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This certifies that I have this day sold to my son, James A. Holman, his time during his minority, and shall claim no pay for his wages or credits of any kind belonging to him, and pay no debts of his contracting after this date. PETER HOLMAN.

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OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of December, A. D. 1886.

On the petition of M. ELLEN RAND, of Waterford, in said county, praying that she or some suitable person may appointed Administrator on the estate of George W. Rand, late of Waterford, in said county deceased:

ORDERED, That the said Petitioner give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Advertiser, a newspaper printed at Norway, in said county, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be holden at Paris, in said county, on the third Tuesday of January next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and shew cause, if any they have, why the same should not be granted.

53 2 GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.
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OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the county of Oxford on the third Tuesday of December, A. D. 1886.

WM. F. and AMOS FRENCH, Executor on the estate of George French, late of Albany, in said County, deceased, having presented their account of administration of the Estate of said deceased for allowance:

ORDERED, That the said Executors give notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Co. Advertiser, printed at Norway, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said county, on the third Tuesday of January next, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

53 2 GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.
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The subscriber hereby gives public notice that he has been duly appointed by the Honorable Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford and assumed the trust of Administrator of the estate of

JACOB TUBBS, late of Norway,

in said County, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs; he therefore requests all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment, and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to

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December 22, 1886. 53-2

Sunday-School Lesson.

For January 9th.

Notes.—"Now the serpent."—The ancient Babylonians recognized an evil influence in the shape of a dragon, and several cylinders have been found that show the serpent. The Egyptians held it in reverence with many other animals, while to the Israelites the serpent was always an object of abhorrence.——"He said unto the woman."—He addresses the woman first as the weaker, the one easier tempted. Beginning the conversation colloquially, he assumes an air of surprise, and ends by looking at the few restrictions rather than at the wide range of privileges. Dissatisfaction and doubt came to the woman as an immediate result——"And the woman said."—She evidently took him to be a divine messenger; yet the substance of what he said ought to have put her on her guard, since he spoke at enmity with God. Notice how her mind, wandering over the "every" and "freely," words of God, showing his large beneficence, is morbidly fastened on the restrictions. She went so far as to willfully misquote God's divine command, and moreover she made two additions not recorded in it.——"Ye shall not surely die."—The serpent sees the woman already wavering, and he encourages her to his side with him in assent, while he flatly gives God the lie. Distrust of God is aroused, while he had a semblance of truth, since she died not immediately a physical but a spiritual death.——"God doth know."—Bolder and bolder he grows as Eve becomes weeker. Now he represents God as envious of his creatures, and now he inflames her ambition to become as God himself.——"Knowing good and evil."—The knowledge that was to make them independent of God——"When the woman saw."—Three times it is mentioned how charming the tree appears as she gazes with new eyes and lustful glance. She yielded and fell, and in her fall she involved the one dearest to her. The woman was deceived but the man fell with open eyes, willingly.——The last three verses of the lesson speaks God's curse for disobedience. This disobedience was twofold. 1. Harkening to the seductive vioce. 2. Actively engaging in the sin. The one prepares the way; is introductory to the other. The curse is that of desolation and barrenness instead of fruitfulness and fertility; of coarse food instead of former delicacies. Excessive toil for the very necessities of living takes the place of Eden comfort and ease; an the sentence culminates with the doom of bodily decay and death.

Instruction.—In the first place the serpent attacked the weaker one of the two, the woman, and that in her husband's absence. Would that women only knew how much depends on their withstanding crucial as well as every day temptations, and how the men look to them for guidance and moral strength. If the woman we reverence falls, then where is faith. If you are a sister, encourage your brother in all purity, honor and fidelity to God. You show him the way, and never let him be disappointed in you. The wife needs this steadfastness to godly principles in a peculiar degree, that she be not influenced to do or countenance the wrong, and you mothers so act that your children may believe you implicitly, and follow you unquestioningly wherever you lead them. You follow faithfully yourselves the Christ, and the children will be led all right enough. Then she listened. That is the first step down hill, to hear what the tempter has to say. "When sinners entice thee consent thou not." Don't listen, don't stop, just get right away, even if you have to jump over a fence or out of a window. Better break a limb than sear your conscience. It is safer and more comfortable in the long run.

Listening often implies dissatisfaction with every-day goodness and a hankering after the excitements the Devil offers. See how Eve persistently disparaged her splendid privileges and overrated her restrictions. The poison works fast when one harkens to Satan. Moreover she looked at the tree. This is the next and most dangerous step, to so yield to persuasions as to look into the matter and see if it is wrong or not. There is no need for any one to look at evil to see whether it is wrong or not. The conscience tells all about that, and if ever in doubt then let the doubtful alone. It is a fallacy of the Devil to think that one can appreciate the good better by looking at, knowing and experiencing the evil. Every contact with the Evil One leaves one the worse for it. Look away, let it alone, and simply stick to the right. Of course she fell. One does not parley with Satan for nothing. Naturally she did not want to be the only sinner in the world, so she invited the only one she could get to share her guilt. Not only unconscious influence but personal solicitation drags many a one down. If you must sin coop yourself up in a hut, lock yourself in and do it alone. Do not dare to drag down in your destruction an immortal soul.

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OXFORD.—L. H. Pingree et al. to J. E. Ordway et al., $800; R. F. Staples to S. E. King, $100; Mary E. Dodge to S. E. King, $35; A. A. Turner to S. E. King, $100.

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The *St. Nicholas* for January, which is issued December 27, is really not so much of a new Year's number as it is a second part of the Christmas number. The article "Millet and the children," by Ripley Hitchcock, and the curious little sketches, never before published, made by him to amuse his grandchildren, will also amuse and interest all the readers of *St. Nicholas*. The two Eton papers, "A Glimpse of Eton School," by Edwin D. Mead, and "A Visit to Eaton," by Elizabeth Robins Pennell, forming the second of the "Four Great English Schools" series, give a keen insight into the manners and customs of the boys today and long ago in the greatest of all the English schools.

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OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate, held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of December, A. D. 1886.

JANE MONROE, widow of Josiah Monroe, late of Waterford, deceased, having presented her petition for an allowance out of the Personal Estate of said deceased,

ORDERED, That the said Petitioner give notice of the same to all persons interested therein, by publishing a copy of this order three weeks successively in the Oxford County Advertiser, a newspaper printed at Norway, in said county, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be holden at Paris, within and for said county, on the third Tuesday of January next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, against the same.

53 2 GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.
A true copy—Attest: H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of December, A. D. 1886

TRUE E. ESTES, Administrator on the estate of Neil R. Estes, late of Gilead, in said county, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:

ORDERED, That said Administrator give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Advertiser, printed at Norway that they may appear at a Court of Probate to be held at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of January next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

53-2 GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.
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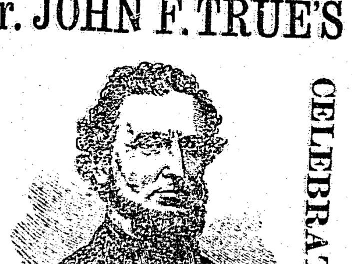
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ORDERED, That the said Petitioner give notice to all persons interested, by causing an abstract of her petition with this order thereon, to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Advertiser, a newspaper printed at Norway, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Paris, on the third Tuesday of January next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be granted

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